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'US military plans in East Asia unaffordable'

By MATTHEW PENNINGTON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP)—The planned reorganization of American forces in East Asia, including on the southern Japanese island of Okinawa, is unworkable and unaffordable, three influential U.S. senators said Wednesday.



McCain



Webb



Levin

The Defense Department should re-examine its plans for South Korea, Guam, and Okinawa—where many islanders oppose the presence of U.S. forces. A 2006 agreement with Japan aimed at decreasing America's military footprint is outdated and imposes an "enormous financial burden" on the U.S. ally as it recovers from a huge earthquake, the senators said.

Carl Levin and John McCain, the two

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Judiciary launches book on NMI judicial history

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REPORTER

The CNMI Judiciary wrapped up yesterday its Law Day activities with the official launching of a history book, *The Northern Mariana Islands Judiciary: A Historical Overview*.

In a ceremony at the CNMI Supreme Court, Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos and House Speaker Eli Ca-

brera were the first to receive official copies of the book.

Rep. Joseph Palacios, former Superior Court associate judge Timothy Bellas, media representatives, and other community members, were also presented copies of the 87-page book.

At least 200 books will be distributed to
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From left, Supreme Court Chief Justice Miguel S. Demapan, Associate Justice John A. Manglona, Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert Naraja, and Associate Judge David Wiseman at the official launching of the CNMI's first judiciary history book titled, *The Northern Mariana Islands Judiciary: A Historical Overview*, at the Guma Hustisia in Susupe yesterday. The Judiciary also presented the awards to the winners of the Law Day poster and essay contests.

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U.S. bases in Japan

Some of the major U.S. military facilities on mainland Japan:



NMI bats for full control of its submerged lands

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REPORTER

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial is asking a U.S. House of Representatives subcommittee to allow the CNMI—just like other U.S. territories—to have full authority over its submerged lands.

In his written testimony on Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan's

H.R. 670, Fitial believes that granting the CNMI full authority to regulate and police its submerged lands is "a matter long overdue to being addressed."

The CNMI has been a member of the United States political family since 1976.

"The CNMI does not seek to be granted any kind of 'special pref-
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Local

Local bill on Saipan casino now heads to delegation

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REPORTER

After meeting the requirement of three legislative days' appearance on a House session agenda, a local bill

seeking to legalize casino gambling on Saipan now heads to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation.

Rep. Stanley Torres' (Ind-Saipan) House Local Bill 17-44

appeared in yesterday's House session agenda, the third time in three weeks.

House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) will have to transmit the bill to the 21-member delegation, chaired by Rep. Ray

Tebuteb (R-Saipan).

Tebuteb said yesterday that the local bill will then become the property of the delegation, which could either refer it to a committee or put it to a vote

right away.

Torres believes his local bill has enough votes to pass the delegation.

If and when the bill passes the delegation, it goes straight to

the governor instead of heading to the Senate, which has made clear its position to kill any Saipan casino bill. The Senate wants Saipan voters to decide on the matter.

Increased scholarship funding for NMC's summer semester

The Northern Marianas College announced yesterday the availability of increased scholarship funding through the College Access Challenge Project, a federal outreach program designed to assist students with low-income backgrounds enter and succeed in college.

The deadline for submitting application forms for the summer session has been extended to May 17, 2011. The scholarship awards up to \$1,200 per semester to high school juniors, seniors, and first-year college students with low-income backgrounds.

The purpose of the scholarship is to assist recipients with the costs associated with college

enrollment. To be eligible for the scholarship, students must:

- Be a high school junior, senior, or a first-year college student (having no more than 30 credits).

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Application forms can be downloaded from the NMC website at www.nmcnet.edu. Completed applications must be submitted with supporting

documentation no later than 4:30pm on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, to the Financial Aid Office in Building N or postmarked on or before the due date to ensure eligibility and priority to receive an award. Faxed applications will not be accepted.

The CACP scholarship is made possible through financial support from the College Access Challenge Grant Program under the U.S. Department of Education.

For more information, contact Daisy Propst at 234-5498 Ext. 1527. Applicants can also visit www.nmcnet.edu. (NMC)

Court orders teen to stay away from 3 drivers, Hyatt

The Superior Court on Thursday found probable cause to warrant the filing of charges against a teenager who, while intoxicated, allegedly assaulted three taxi drivers with a knife and a rock at Hyatt Regency Saipan's parking lot on May 2.

At a preliminary hearing, associate judge Ramona V. Manglona determined probable cause to warrant the filing of five charges against 18-year-old Johnny Ezra.

Ezra's bail was set at \$50,000 cash.

When Ezra was first taken to court on May 2 after being arrested without a warrant, associate judge Kenneth L. Govendo directed him to stay away from taxi drivers Mohammad Mustafa Kamal, Mustafa Kamal, and Mohammad Kadir.

"Defendant must also stay away from the Hyatt Regency parking lot where the taxi drivers gather," the judge said. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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\$15 new tourism fee, lifting of net fishing ban bills pass House

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After long debates and discussions, the House of Representatives passed at least seven bills yesterday, including one that charges passengers from non-U.S. destinations a new \$15 "travel promotion fee" as part of a tourism incentive program, as well as a measure temporarily lifting the net fishing ban.

Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan) questioned the need to charge every passenger from non-U.S. destination an additional \$15 when the CNMI is trying to lure more visitors to come to the islands.

His colleagues, including Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), House minority leader Diego Benavente (R-Saipan) and Rep. Ray Basa

(Cov-Saipan), explained the rationale behind the new fee, which will be used to help fund the overseas promotion of the CNMI as a tourist destination, and the collection of which is also practiced by many states and island nations.

When voting came, House Bill 17-179, House Substitute 1 passed by a vote of 14-3 with one abstention and two absences.

The three who voted "no" were Dela Cruz, Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan) and Rep. Tony Sablan (R-Saipan). Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) did not vote on the bill.

House floor leader George Camacho's (Ind-Saipan) HB 17-179, HS1 amends the Fitial administration-sponsored law called the Japan Air Service Stabilization Program Act.

The \$15 travel and promotion fee was inspired by a travel promotion law that President Barack Obama signed in 2010.

Besides the new \$15 fee to be collected by airlines, the amendment proposed in Camacho's bill also expands the target market to include "Asian countries" other than Japan for the tour agent incentive program.

The original law gives monetary incentives to travel agents who are able to bring in tourists from the Japanese cities of Osaka and Nagoya during so-called low peak periods. The March 11 earthquake and tsunami in Japan has prompted the CNMI to expand the target market, to include those from Korea and China and other Asian countries.

Collections from this new fee will also be used to "recover

costs incurred for enforcement of customs and quarantine laws.

Fishing bill, other measures

A bill lifting the net fishing ban also passed the House, but only after a long discussion among members.

Rep. Sylvester Iguel's (Cov-Saipan) HB 17-36, HS1, HD2 passed by a vote of 15-4 with one absence.

Benavente, who has been long opposed to the lifting of the net fishing ban because of its ill effects on the health of the coral reefs and fish population, was joined by Dela Cruz, Sablan and Rep. Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) in voting "no" on the bill.

The House also passed two bills strengthening penalties for minors consuming alcohol and

imposing stiffer fines for persons or firms providing or selling alcoholic beverages to minors.

Also passed were:

■ Rep. Teresita Santos' (Ind-Rota) HB 17-172, which designates 1 hectare of public land on Rota for the future site of the Rota Veterans Cemetery;

■ Rep. Joseph Palacios' (R-Saipan) HB 17-36, which in-

creases penalties for parking in a space reserved for the use of persons with disabilities; and

■ Senate President Paul Manglona's (Ind-Rota) Senate Bill 17-56, SD1, which requires U.S. citizens and permanent residents working on capital improvement projects to be paid at least the prevailing U.S. minimum wage.

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Jury in fruit bat poaching case begins deliberations today

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REPORTER

The prosecution and defense counsel completed yesterday their closing arguments in the federal jury trial of retired police lieutenant Adrian Mendiola over

the alleged 2008 poaching incidents of Mariana fruit bats on Rota.

Jurors will return to court today, Friday, at 8am to begin their deliberations.

Mendiola is charged with one count of unlawful possession of a threatened species and one count of unlawful

transporting, receiving, and acquiring a taken threatened species.

Assistant U.S. attorney Kirk Schuler, who is prosecuting the case, cited evidence and the testimony of witnesses to support the charges against Mendiola. He said the defense wants

the jurors to believe that Mendiola just imported the bats.

Schuler said the Mariana fruit bats can't fly from one jurisdiction to another. The fruits bat, he pointed out, did not come from Yap, Palau, or Japan.

"They are CNMI fruit bats. That's why you [jurors] should care. Once they're gone, they're gone," Schuler said.

Defense lawyer Ramon Quichocho cited a lot of "bat mistakes" by the U.S. government, the laboratory, and the prosecution's witness, biologist Julia Boland.

He said the U.S. government's own witness, morphologist Barry Baker,

admitted that one of the bats examined was just a subspecies called *Pteropus*.

Quichocho said what is illegal to hunt is only the subspecies called *Pteropus mariannus mariannus*.

He said the prosecution must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that at least one of the bats belong to subspecies called *Pteropus mariannus mariannus*.

The defense lawyer said there was testimony that only three bats were sent to Oregon laboratory, but all of a sudden there were four that were examined.

Quichocho said there is a serious change of custody of evidence problem in this case.

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highest-ranking members of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, and Jim Webb, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee for East Asia and the Pacific, made the recommendations in a joint statement. They offered alternatives they say would save billions but still keep U.S. military forces in the region.

Levin and Webb are Democrats, and McCain is Republican.

Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo, in a statement yesterday, said the senators are not saying stop the buildup in Guam.

"They are saying we must get things done right, which is something I and my colleagues in the House have stressed for years," said Bordallo. "As we move forward, it will be important for any suggested implementation of these findings to be supported by a robust and comprehensive analysis of both the cost and the impact on military readiness of any changes to the realignment plan."

Part of the U.S. military's plans is to build firing ranges on the neighboring island of Tinian in the Northern Mariana Islands.

Spokeswoman Cmdr. Leslie Hull-Ryde said Wednesday that the Defense Department remained committed to its plans for Japan, reiterated in a May 2010 joint statement.

"These agreements are good for the people of Okinawa, Japan as a whole, and the U.S.-Japan alliance," she said. "After the relocation is completed, the average citizen of Okinawa will see and hear far fewer U.S. troops and aircraft than they do today."

Officials at Japan's Foreign Ministry said Thursday that they were aware of the U.S. senators' statement, but stressed that Tokyo has no plans to alter its position regarding the relocation plan.

Under the 2006 agreement, Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, located in a heavily populated southern part of Okinawa, would be closed and its air operations relocated to a less crowded northern area at Camp Schwab, where a new airfield would be built. Some 8,000 Marines would also be shifted to the U.S. territory of Guam by 2014. Japan would foot much of the multibillion-dollar relocation bill.

Webb said both the U.S. and Japanese governments seem determined to build the partially offshore facility at Camp Schwab but it could take as long as 10 years and is "rife with difficulties."

"The significant estimated cost growth associated with some projects is simply unaffordable in today's increasingly constrained fiscal environment," Levin said. "Political realities in Okinawa and Guam, as well as the enormous financial burden imposed on Japan by the devastation resulting from the disastrous March 2011 earthquake and tsunami, also must be considered."

Japanese media reports have sug-

Military deployment high

About 30 percent of U.S. military is overseas, the largest percentage since the height of the Iraq war in 2006.

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gested that officials in Tokyo are working behind the scenes to scrap the 2014 timeframe for moving the 8,000 troops from Okinawa to Guam. Tokyo is also having trouble convincing local leaders that a new facility on Okinawa should be built to replace Futenma.

Webb proposed moving the Marine Corps assets at Futenma in southern Okinawa to Kadena, an Air Force base further north in Okinawa where there is also opposition to the U.S. presence. Some Air Force assets could be shifted from Kadena to other areas in Japan and on Guam, particularly Anderson Air Force Base, a major B-52 bomber base that he said now operates at less than half of its capacity.

However, he noted, community leaders in Guam are also concerned of the environmental and social impact of a large increase in U.S. military presence. He proposed basing some Marines in Guam, then using rotating combat units that are home-based elsewhere.

The senators also took aim at the military's plans for South Korea, where the U.S. has more than 28,000 forces. They say plans to realign U.S. forces there should be put on hold pending further review.

Webb said some missions could perhaps be performed by South Korea's military instead of America's. He questioned plans to boost numbers of family members staying with the troops. The plans would drive up costs and there was "real potential that a destabilizing security situation in North Korea could unfold rapidly and unpredictably," he said.

Bordallo said the senators' findings highlight Guam's strategic importance and forward presence in the Asia-Pacific region. "Their findings rightly note that we must maintain a policy of engagement in East Asia in order to ensure stability for the region."

"The issues raised in their letter are issues that have been answered by the Department of Defense in the past, but this is yet another opportunity for [Defense] to provide further clarity on their plans and the rationale behind them. The key recommendation about consolidating the operations of the Futen-

ma facility to Kadena is a matter that must be directly addressed between the government of the United States and the government of Japan as it would require serious changes to the Defense Posture Review Initiative. Further, moving air assets from Kadena Air Force Base to Andersen Air Force base requires careful attention to the balance among forces [in] Guam so that additional air assets and associated personnel do not overload and unduly strain our infrastructure.

"A more transient presence of Marines, as the senators recommend, might reduce the number of family housing units needed, but it also would reduce the amount of section 30 funds that would come from permanently stationed Marines [in] Guam. The proposal also would likely reduce the number of military families [in] Guam and their important ties to our community.

"The senators also raised the matter of training ranges in our region. They raise a point that I have raised on many occasions, which is asking the Department of Defense to clearly articulate their rationale for a firing range [in] Guam and what their overall plans are for the region. This is why I sponsored a provision in the House defense authorization bill being considered today by the House Armed Services Committee that requires the Department of Defense to certify a national security requirement for such ranges.

"The findings from the senators also highlight something people [in] Guam have known for a long time, and that is the need to support infrastructure improvements on the island. Funding for improvements outside the military fence line is an important part of getting this realignment done right, and that is why I have another provision in the defense bill that provides the Department of Defense with authority to transfer funds to support local infrastructure needs. Based on the senators' findings, I believe that they will now better see the need for such authority when we enter our conference with them on the bill this summer.

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erence' through this legislation; it is simply seeking to be treated fairly and impartially. The CNMI deserves to be granted full right, title, and interest in their adjacent submerged lands," Fitial said in his three-page testimony.

Sablan's HR 670 conveys 3 miles of submerged lands to the CNMI.

The bill, which has 19 cosponsors, gives the CNMI the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands.

The U.S. House Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs chaired by Rep. John Fleming (R-La) will hold a hearing on HR 670 on May 12 at 11am in Washington, D.C. (May 13 on Saipan).

"The CNMI should be afforded the same rights granted to all coastal American states under the Submerged Lands Act, which includes 27 percent of all federal rents, royalties, and revenues paid annually to the coastal states and full right to 3 miles of submerged lands," he said.

The governor said it has become extremely difficult for the CNMI people to fully understand why the U.S. has never granted the CNMI full authority over its adjacent submerged lands.

"This type of unequal treatment is

severely unfair to the CNMI. As a sovereign, self-governing commonwealth in political union with the United States, the CNMI warrants treatment on the same level as the other coastal states and territories of the United States," he said.

H.R. 670, he added, will also help the CNMI in its efforts to protect and conserve its pristine natural resources.

Although scarce in land, the adjacent waters and submerged lands of the CNMI are abundant in natural resources and marine life, he said.

Fitial also told the Subcommittee that the CNMI was actively engaged in negotiations regarding the scope and terms of the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument, which President George Bush announced on Jan. 6, 2009.

The proclamation also expressly recognized that subsequent legislation might grant the CNMI control over submerged lands and that these lands "may remain part of the monument, for coordination of management with the government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands."

In the last Congress, the U.S. House of Representatives unanimously passed the same bill, numbered H.R. 934, and the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee favorably reported it to the full Senate. But Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) blocked the bill from further action.

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schools, the Joeten Kiyu Library, and other organizations.

The book's contributing authors are former CNMI Supreme Court law clerk Arin Greenwood, former judge Timothy Bellas, retired chief justice Jose S. Dela Cruz, CNMI Supreme Court law clerks Steven Gardiner and Mia Giacomazzi, Dr. Dirk H.R. Spennemann, Dr. Dirk Anthony Ballendorf of the University of Guam, and Dan MacMeekin.

The book's release is a collective effort of the CNMI Judiciary and the Northern Marianas Judiciary Historical Society, with grant funding provided by the NMI Council for the Humanities.

Chief Justice Miguel S. Demapan said this book wouldn't have been possible without the generosity of members of the NMI Council for the Humanities and the NMI Judiciary Historical Society.

He said project has been ongoing for many years now, with the delay in its publication mainly due to lack of funds and the rotation of some of the Judiciary's staff.

"Regardless of the passage of time, we still had the resolve and commitment to finish it and present it to all of you. Today, I am happy to say that we have completed our project and that I hope you enjoy reading it," he said.

Associate Justice John A. Manglona said the book's release is an important step to remember the past and add on to the small but growing collection of historical writings about the islands.

Just a quick look at the names and photos in the book will "vitalize memory," Manglona said, quoting the philosopher Cicero.

"Some of you probably remember Judge Ignacio V. Benavente, Judge Felipe Salas, Judge Elias Sablan of Saipan, Judge Fortunato Manglona of Rota, Judge Henry V. Hofschneider of Tinian. Then there was Trust Territory Judge Arvin Brown Jr. and District Judge Alfred Laureta," Manglona said.

These people, he said, are mentioned in the book "so as to vitalize our memory and pass the information down to the next generation."

Steven Gardiner said the book includes landmark cases over the last three decades and contains a list of every judge in the Marianas since 1948.

Unpaid \$37K lease could scotch casino plans

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REPORTER

Casino investor Marianas Resort Development Co. Ltd. could lose its land lease if it continues to fail payment for its monthly land lease arrears, plus interests, now totaling \$37,000, the Department of Public Lands said.

MRDC plans to build a \$300-million Matua Bay Casino Resort on Tinian, which includes an 18-hole championship golf course.

DPL Secretary Oscar M. Babauta said yesterday that they gave MRDC until middle of June to cure its payment deficiencies or its lease could be revoked.

"They're in arrears of \$37,000 to date and we gave them until middle of next month to pay its arrears. As of today, we haven't heard from them," Babauta told *Saipan Tribune*.

MRDC is one of at least

three major investors that have abandoned their public land leases and incurred thousands of dollars of debt to DPL for non-payment of their monthly lease, including \$1.6-billion casino investor Neo Gold Wings Paradise and Flame Sako which had planned to build an \$80-million hotel in As Matuis/Marpi.

But because Neo Gold Wings renewed its interest in pursuing its casino project on Tinian, Babauta said they required the investor to pay its arrears plus interests of over \$117,000, make a one-year advance payment, and have a \$3 million security deposit, plus negotiate a new land lease.

Besides MRDC and Neo Gold Wings, another investor, Bridge Investment Group, is planning to build a \$70-million casino on Tinian, where so far, only Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino has been operating since 1998.

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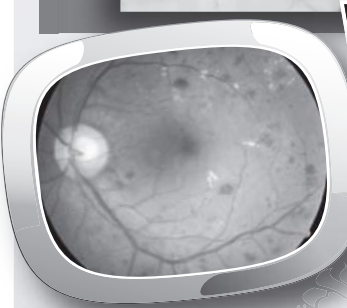
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CUC finds overflowing tanks, major leaks in Garapan

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REPORTER

Besides major leaks, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has also found overflowing tanks in many commercial establishments in Garapan that contribute to the inadequate supply of water in the area.

Deputy executive director Alan Fletcher said yesterday that field technicians recently

surveyed about two miles of pipeline in the Garapan area and issued 10 citations to customers due to overflowing tanks. These clients were given five days to repair their tanks.

"Overflowing tanks are a major cause of water waste and can result in a large water bill for customers. When tanks work correctly, everyone wins, we all save water and customers pay less," said Fletcher.

The survey also repaired six leaks in the mainline pipe and service laterals and surveyed 38 valves and 24 fire hydrants. All inoperable valves and hydrants were scheduled for repair, he said.

The following areas, Fletcher said, now have improved water service: western Garapan, from Micro Beach Road south to Corporal Derence Jack Street, south to Happy Market, west to Hard Rock Café and back north

to Shenanigans.

About 200 commercial and residential customers in Garapan now get 24-hour water service. Prior to system improvements, Fletcher said, water service to the area was just three hours a day, from 5:30am to 8:30am.

Fletcher cautions, however, that CUC still has a lot of water system work to accomplish, so customers may occasionally

experience service reduction during construction or when field crews shift water between service zones.

Water operations engineer Travis Spaeth said that CUC continues to troubleshoot the western Garapan area. CUC encourages the community to locate and fix leaks in their homes and businesses, install float switches on their tanks to prevent overflow, and make sure toilets and sinks don't drip or flow continuously.

He pointed out that a small

leak that totals a gallon per minute wastes over 1,400 gallons per day.

Besides the western Garapan area, Fletcher said that Capital Hill customers also now enjoy 24-hour water service, mainly due to the additional wells that crew had repaired and put back on line. Prior to this, Capital Hill customers used to receive up to just 13 hours of water service a day.

Report leaks on mainline pipes to the CUC trouble desk at 235-0282/ 235-2282.

Boy Scouts prepare for summer camp

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The CNMI Boy Scouts of America is gearing up for its 2011 Cub Scout Day Camp and the Boy Scouts Summer Camp Program slated for June 26 to

July 2 at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool open field.

Organization officials met with Mariana Resort & Spa executives Thursday morning to check the site and make sure it is the "safest and most conducive field for cub scouts and boy

scouts activities."

"The summer camp is [intended for] cub scouts and boy scouts [to have] real outdoor experience," said island director Cal Reyes.

The 7- to 10-year-old cub scouts will learn skills like knot

tying, tent pitching, and physical fitness. Boy scouts aged 11 to 17 years old will concentrate on basic camping skills like first aid and swimming.

"The experienced and older scouts will focus on getting merit badges for fishing, wood carving, electricity, basketry or weaving, and conservation and

environmental awareness badges," Reyes added.

Other activities include putting up the Banadero Trail sign and planting flame trees.

Reyes noted, however, that only the boy scouts will be camping at the site; the cub scouts will have their classes from 8am to 2:30pm.

About 200 scouts from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota are expected to participate in this annual event.

Reyes said they will start setting up the camp on June 23. Oscar Camacho will be camp program director while Wayne Gillespie will be the camp commissioner.

Mariana Resort & Spa general manager Gloria Cruz Cavanagh said they are happy to host this year's summer camp as they have in the past.

"It's a great opportunity for kids on Saipan," said Cavanagh, adding that the camp will help build their integrity skills and responsibility "that Marianas Resort and Spa wants to promote in the community."

Jesus Muña, CNMI Boy Scouts district chair, encouraged adult volunteers to be part of Boy Scout activities to support the young scouts and "provide them a bit of their expertise."

For more information, call Cal Reyes at 285-9709.

Rotarian Michael Brazel, 67

Rotarian Michael Brazel passed away on May 5 after a long battle with cancer. He was 67.

Glen Perez, president of Rotary Club of Saipan, conveyed the sad news at their regular meeting Tuesday at Hyatt Regency Saipan's Giovanni's restaurant.

Brazel, who passed away less than two weeks before the biggest cancer awareness and fundraising event on island, was a Rotary member since September 2004.

He was inducted as the 2010-2011 Rotary Club president on June 29, 2010. On Aug. 4, less

than two months, Brazel resigned, citing health reasons. He was replaced by Perez.

"Mike was a very good friend," said Perez. "My heart goes out to his family, especially to his wife Ann."

According to Perez, Mike was "always a fighter." "If he wasn't a fighter, he would have gone a long time ago," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Perez said Brazel's remains will be laid to rest at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery today, May 13, at 10:30am. He encouraged Rotarians to attend today's services. (Clarissa V. David)

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5 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environment Quality has red-flagged the Central Repair Shop, DPW channel bridge, the beach north of the American Memorial Park, Garapan Fishing Dock, and the beach at the San Antonio lift station and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

DEQ said that samples collected from these locations had excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci). These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. Water samples were taken from 38 locations on Saipan this week. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (DEQ)

NMC graduation 2011 important dates

The Northern Marianas College is inviting all community members to its 31st Commencement Exer-

cise on Saturday, May 21, 2011, at 4pm at the Marianas High School Gymnasium. The college is also reminding all graduates to note the following dates:

■ May 18, 6:15pm: Graduation Mass at Mt. Carmel Cathedral

■ May 20, 4pm: Graduation rehearsal at MHS Gym

■ May 21, 4pm: Graduation ceremony at MHS Gym

All graduates are asked to be at the MHS Gym by 3:30pm on May 21 in preparation for the procession.

Educational assistance program deadlines

Deadline for Application: July 1, 2011

Deadline for supporting documents: Sept. 30, 2011

PL 14-37 Honors Scholarship Program deadlines

Who may apply? High school graduates of 2011

Deadline for application and supporting documents: June 30, 2011

Application and supporting documents must be received by the CNMI Scholarship Office on or before June 30, 2011. Visit www.cnmischolarship.com to download application and for more information. (PR)

KHS early dismissal notice

Kagman High School is set to issue its 4th quarter progress reports on Monday, May 16, 2011, from 4:30pm to 6pm. Teachers will distribute for all subjects. Please ask your child for their 1st - 4th period teachers' and classroom numbers. This will lessen your time on where to go when you are getting their progress report. Classes will be half-day only; students will be dismissed at noon. (PR)

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

May 13, 1999

Power rate cut faces rough sailing in House

A legislative proposal reducing the cost of electricity in the Northern Marianas is likely to face strong challenge from members of the House of Representatives in view of the administration's opposition against the move, according to Senate Vice President Thomas P. Villagomez. "It will be a very difficult process," said the chair of the Senate committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communication, which is currently reviewing the measure sponsored by Sen. Edward U. Maratita. The panel is expected to come up with recommendation on the proposed power rate cut by the end of this month, but it is not sure whether the Senate bill will be voted on the floor.

Teno orders customs to step up monitoring

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday said that customs officers who were found aiding individuals to bring in smuggled goods into CNMI should be punished to the fullest extent of the law and warned government employees that he would not tolerate such misconduct in public office. The governor issued the stern warning after four Korean nationals have been charged by the Attorney General's Office with violations of customs law after they attempted to bring in close to 2,000 cartons of undeclared cigarettes with the help of customs officers. The four, identified as Chan Ho Park, Hyun Chol Cho, Keun Ja Hwang and Moon Ho Kim, were arrested Saturday.

May 13, 2002

Senate to review 'overstaying' govt workers

Some of the employees that the 13th Legislature will be sanctioning under House Bill 13-131 are still in government service despite the fact that they were hired prior to January 14, particularly since most of them are hired on a year-to-year basis. This situation could pose a concern and Senate President Paul A. Manglona said the Senate would probably look at this issue when House Bill 13-131 is transmitted to the upper chamber. "I think we do need to address that issue. It's not, I think, enough to just sanction the actions of the past administration but rather, we need to review the names that were sent over and, for those employees who still continue to work for the government, we need to look at that also," he said.

Relay for Life raises over \$58K

The endearing support of the community-both private and public agencies including non-profit organizations-helped the American Cancer Society's 2002 Relay for Life event raise over \$58,000, which will be used to fund research that aims to find a cure for cancer. While there for a common cause, which was to raise funds for the cancer research, those who trooped to the Hopwood Junior High School field Saturday night also raised hopes that the Relay for Life event would be of significant help to the world's fight against the dreaded disease. This, as participants danced and laughed the night away, as they mustered enough energy to run around the track that was set up at the HJHS grounds for the event.

May 13, 2003

CUC board amends by-laws

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board yesterday approved the amendments to the government-controlled firm's by-laws, paving the way for a reorganization of the agency's regulating body. Acting CUC board chair Laura Manglona convened the board yesterday morning to discuss major issues in the absence of chairman Frank Guerrero, whose leadership has lately been under heavy criticism by his members. Guerrero is reportedly off-island. Herman P. Sablan, board operations committee chairman, said amendments to the by-laws include the creation of a treasurer position, as well as the splitting up of the operations committee into two.

Transshipment hub project in limbo

The Commonwealth Ports Authority disclosed that its negotiation with CSX Lines shipping company has taken the backseat after the impasse on the allocation of needed public lands for the seaport expansion project. CPA Executive Director Carlos H. Salas said CSX Lines officials are still awaiting the ports authority's decision as to when the weekly port call can be made possible. However, Salas explained that, in the absence of the needed lands to accommodate huge volume of containers at the Saipan Seaport, the CPA could not respond positively since procurement of the needed lands remains in limbo.

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Community invited to tonight's march vs cancer

The Marianas March Against Cancer main committee is inviting the entire community to go to the Hopwood Junior High School in Chalan Piao tonight and support the fight against cancer. There will be games, great food, live entertainment, and other events from 5:30pm to 6am Saturday morning.

The MMAC event is the largest cancer fundraising event in the Northern Mariana Islands. It is the signature fundraising event of the Commonwealth Cancer Association—a volunteer-led non-profit organization that ensures all funds raised are spent locally on cancer patient assistance, cancer awareness programs, and other cancer-related services.

"We are inviting the entire community to come out and support our nine teams as they compete for the Most Laps, Most Money Raised (three different categories), Best Baton, Most Spirit, Best Tent, and Most Luminaries sold," said MMAC PR chair Chris Concepcion.

The MMAC teams are Ahu, Aschoscho, Bodig, Take Care/FHP- Grace Christian Academy, IT&E, Marianas Health Services-GTC Elementary, Pacific Islands Club, Saipan Health Clinic-St. Jude and Tan Holdings- Kagman Health Service.

"The community is welcome to participate in walking laps around our track field that will be outlined with the lighted luminaries that honor our friends and family who are currently battling cancer and those who have passed on," Concepcion said. "So please bring all your friends and family and help support the fight against cancer."

Concepcion said that all of the money raised will be donated

Full-scale all-hazard exercise in May

The U.S. Army, Pacific Weapons of Mass Destruction—Civil Support Team Enhanced Response Force Package Training and Readiness Division, in partnership with the Office of the Governor and the CNMI response community, will be conducting a 36-hour all-hazard chemical-biological-radiological-nuclear-explosive situational training exercise. Exercise "KONFITMA" is scheduled to happen within the week of May 16 to 20, 2011.

The full-scale exercise will serve as an interagency, multi-team exercise on Saipan to maintain operational response procedures during an incident of national significance in order to create conditions to reinforce interoperability among the state and local stakeholders.

The exercise will take place in various locations throughout the island of Saipan, including Hopwood Jr. High School, Navy Hill, Kagman II, San Roque, Marpi, Port of Saipan, and Lower Base. (Office of the Governor)

ed to the CCA.

The MMAC committee will be hosting the annual cancer survivor dinner at 6pm. Anyone who has battled cancer or is currently

battling cancer is invited to attend the survivor dinner held in their honor. Contact 2011 survivor committee chair Nora Sablan at 235-0994 or email norasablan@gmail.com to register.

Luminaries will be sold on site

under the MMAC tent at \$5 each. All luminaries sold before 5pm today will be honored at a Lu-

minary Ceremony, in which the names of the luminaries will be read out by team representatives. For more information, contact 2011 MMAC luminary commit-

tee chair Catherine Attao-Toves at 285-1828 or email attao20@yahoo.com for more information.

There will be a raffle draw for one roundtrip ticket to anywhere in the U.S. mainland, one roundtrip ticket to anywhere in Asia, and travel vouchers on behalf of Delta Air Lines. Each ticket is \$5 each. Members of the community may purchase raffle tickets at team and MMAC tents. The raffle drawing will take place at midnight. Presence is not required to win. (MMAC)

UOG's Demapan gets \$10K Rotary scholarship



From left, Michael Cassidy, vocational services director, Rotary Club of Tumon Bay/general manager, Cassidy's Associated Insurers, Inc.; Mary Torre, president, Rotary Club of Guam/president-GHRA; Mark Duarte, UOG Financial Aid Office director; Daisy Lynn Tudela Demapan, AY2011-2013 Rotary Friendship RC of Tokyo Ebisu Scholar; Abigail Hill, AY2010-2012 Rotary Friendship RC of Tumon Bay Scholar; and Anita Borja Enriquez, member of the Rotary Club of Tumon Bay and dean of the UOG School of Business and Public Administration.

Daisy Lynn Tudela Demapan, a University of Guam communication major in the public relations track and a graduate of Kagman High School on

Saipan, was named the Rotary Friendship RC of Tokyo Ebisu Scholar on May 10, during the Rotary Club of Tumon Bay regular luncheon meeting at the

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Demapan receives \$10,000 through the Rotary International District 2750 Rotary Friendship Scholarship, which

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Still on the big Os

Jane Mack's conflicted reflection on the treacherous terrain between ethics, morality and law, and security, the balance of power, and duty to country that Obama and many self-conscious, sensitive, and responsible creatures tread these days resonated in many minds around the world, a good indication of a heightened awareness that the choices we make, critical and ordinary, often have an aura of ambiguity but that we make them anyway.

The big Os dominated news for a week, with Obama moving on, while Osama's image is mired in the continuing mystery that shrouded his demise, and the manner that some in his camp think his rapid disposal was conducted.

The Oval Office is to be commended for its willingness to swiftly change its story as facts got more thoroughly illuminated. The initial image of a coward shielding himself behind his wife in self-defense, with a fierce firefight that lasted 40 minutes, turned out to be on the exaggerated side, though less diplomatic charge see cynical news management on the early stages of the operation. In fact, Osama's actions prior to receiving two bullets continue to be an item in the realm of fiction rather than fact.

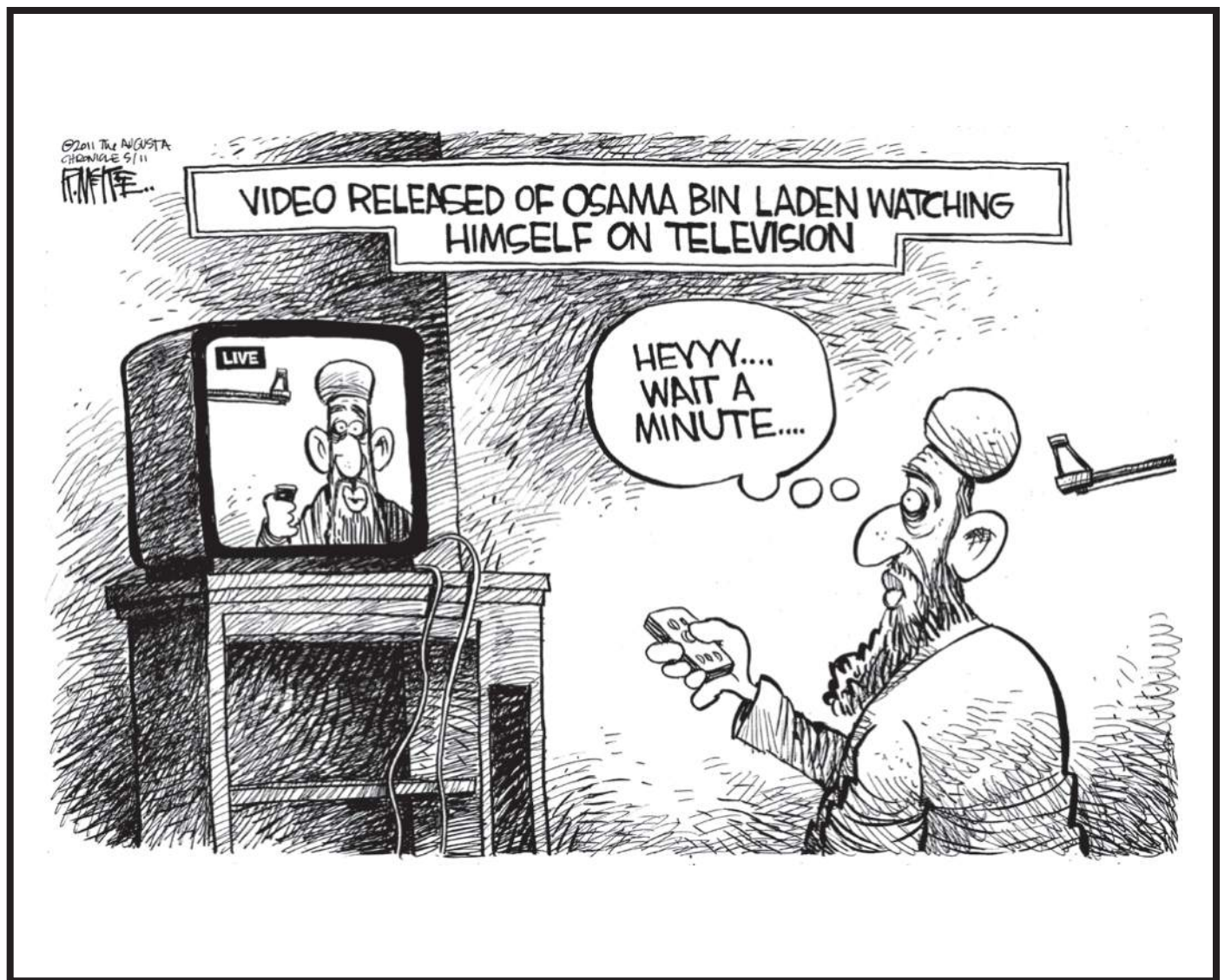
Although advanced optics accompanied the operation and visual records are definitely part of the maneuver's residue, it does not look like images will be shared soon. Consider the iconic photo in the situation room and how Hillary's hand on her mouth was immediately interpreted as being aghast at what she was watching, when according to her account, she was trying to stifle a seasonal allergy known for occasional outbursts!

No matter. The President has moved on. In fact, there is something liturgically strategic about Obama's keeping Pakistan in the dark, lucid in the fact that it is easier to ask for forgiveness than it is to seek prior permission. That the United States military is not about to get into a supplicant posture before any might, friend or foe, is clear, for Aquinas of Christendom did justify "war" if it succeeds. Still, serious religious folks do tread lightly in the aftermath of the Abbottabad incident in spite of the allure to break into the hallelujah chorus, or to simply gloat with triumphant glee over the loss of infidels on the other side of the religious divide.

Likewise, worlds beyond the Khyber region of Pakistan has began using the "m" (murder) and "a" (assassination) words to describe the "Rambo-like" operation of the Navy Seals. Fourth son Omar bin Laden has reportedly joined the chorus suggesting that the manner of the attack was criminal, and the swift disposal of Osama's body a monumental insult on family virtues. Similar thoughts had been shared within the American family itself, including the suspicion that allies have perhaps assisted in keeping the notorious Saudi millionaire in safety and comfort for five years in the shadows of Pakistan's "West Point," so the matter is not about to settle down quickly.

In the aftermath of the Fukushima Daiichi disaster, no less than the former editor of the *Japan Times* raised the specter of weapons grade plutonium seeping out of reactor 4 that was allegedly out of operation at the time of the quake. The residue

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One hundred percent, right here!

In honor of Friday happy hour, here's a six-pack of jokes:

1). An economist visits Guam to survey development on the island. A local politician takes the economist to look at a hotel under construction. At the site, two dozen construction workers are scurrying around. A few supply trucks are coming and going. A large crane is installing air conditioners atop the new hotel.

While they're looking at this activity the economist notices that the politician wears a gold Rolex on his wrist.

"How can a public servant such as yourself afford such an expensive watch?" asks the economist.

The politician allows himself a wry smile. "This hotel project you're looking at? Ten percent, right here," he says as he taps his pants pocket.

The economist then heads to Saipan to look things over. It takes half the day to make the trip because of the reduced airline service to the Commonwealth. After arriving at the Saipan airport, there's a two-hour delay to get through the terminal because of a blackout.

A Saipan politician picks up the economist at the airport and they drive to look at a hotel project that had been abandoned in the permitting stage. They behold a vacant lot covered with soiled diapers and beer cans. Near a fallen fence, an old sign identifying the project is faded and unreadable. A couple of mangy boonie dogs are sitting in a mud puddle licking themselves, and flies are buzzing around a heap of garbage.

The economist notices that this politician is also wearing a Rolex, and asks the politician about it.

As the flies buzz around their heads, the politician puffs his chest out and sweeps a proud gaze over the squalid site. "One hundred percent, right here," he says, as he taps his pants pocket.

2). Two economists are walking down the street and one sees a \$100 bill on the sidewalk. He's just about to pick up the bill when his colleague says, "That can't really be a \$100 bill, because if it was, somebody would have picked it up already."

So they keep on walking.

3). Three economists go deer hunting. Eventually they see a large buck running through the woods.

The first economist raises his rifle, shoots, and misses by a yard to the left.

The second economist raises his rifle, shoots, and misses by a yard to the right.

The third economist raises his arms triumphantly and says "Got him!"

4). A pedestrian is enjoying a quiet stroll in the countryside, when she encounters a low-flying hot air balloon drifting overhead, apparently lost.

A man in the balloon shouts down to the pedestrian, "Excuse me,

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you, down there, can you please tell me where I am?"

The pedestrian answers, "You are in a balloon."

The balloonist shouts back, "You, Madame, must be an economist!"

"As a matter of fact, I am," says the pedestrian, "how did you know?"

"Because your answer is technically correct and utterly useless," says the balloonist.

"And you, sir, must be a businessman," says the pedestrian.

"Why, yes, indeed, I am," says the balloonist, "how did you know?"

"Because," says the pedestrian, "you have such a good view of where you are from where you are, and yet you have no idea where you are."

5). Two economists who are old friends see each other on street and exchange greetings.

"How's your wife?" asks one of them.

"Relative to what?" asks the other.

6). Two economists are drinking martinis at happy hour. They see a cockroach walking across the bar.

One economist peels five \$100 bills from his wallet and smacks them onto the bar. "I'll pay you \$500 to eat that roach" he says.

The other economist looks at the roach and contemplates the proposition. Determined to make a rational decision, he considers the marginal cost of eating the roach, which is zero, and he considers the marginal utility of the \$500, which could buy groceries for an entire month. So he eats the cockroach and pockets the \$500.

After another round of martinis, they see another roach walking across the bar. So the guy that ate the first roach puts the \$500 back on the bar, and says, "Now it's your turn to eat a roach for \$500!"

The other guy duly considers the marginal considerations, and then eats the roach, thus winning his \$500 back.

After they sip their drinks for a while one of them says, "This has been a useless series of transactions. We have no more money than we did before we started, and yet we had to eat a couple of disgusting cockroaches."

"Yes, but look at the important thing," says the other economist. "We increased trade by \$1,000!"

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Stop the insanity!

I want to thank Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos for being refreshingly honest in saying the seven greatest words to have ever come out of this administration: “We need to live within our means.” Thank you Lt. Governor. If only more leaders would embrace your call for fiscal constraint and put fiscally conservative measures in place, we could begin to salvage what is left of our economy.

But in the wake of your words of wisdom, some of our leaders seem to have either ignored your plea or are under the false assumption that money really does grow on trees.

The latest and greatest of a long line of insane, imbecilic, insulting actions taken by certain leaders is House Resolution 17-49, which aims to amend House rules to allow a \$2,000 monthly subsistence allowance for all House members.

The mere fact that a leader would even think of such a reprehensible resolution that doles out \$2,000 to every legislator at a time when the CNMI is *flat broke* leaves me to think that we have some leaders who are either unaware of basic economic principles, or they just don’t have any scruples.

But if it is because of a lack of common economic sense, then perhaps we should take a group of fifth graders up to the CNMI Legislature and have them bring with them a piece of pie to represent our economy. “Sir, you see, the more of this pie that you eat, the less pie there will be for the rest of us to eat...”

I am quite certain that while the fifth graders are just getting started with their economic lecture, this leader (if he actually managed to show up to a session at all) would suddenly call the sergeant-at-arms to confiscate the pie, declaring that the pie is government property, and that the students must leave it with him and his colleagues to, ahem, “examine.” After the students are booted out of the chambers, he will ask that the House go into an emergency session. Once safely behind closed doors, he will ask all the leaders to sample the pie. After they have all gotten their piece of the pie, he will then tell his fellow lawmakers that the pie should be taxed. But right before the pie is completely consumed and taxed to death, he will ask the pie if it likes to gamble. He will then tell the pie not to worry, because he himself does not gamble (He has reassured his constituents that he only plays slot machines. Thank goodness he did, because now we can all sleep better at night!).

And what about those poor students? Not to worry, dear friends. While there was no remaining pie left for any of them to enjoy, this leader was kind enough to return the pan to them. (He found out it was disposable and wasn’t worth a nickel).

The only thing more depressing than this leader’s complete dis-

regard for the people of the CNMI is the very people who put him in to office—the voters. Seriously. He didn’t appear out of thin air. He didn’t levitate into the halls of the CNMI Legislature and declare himself a lawmaker. He was not knighted. He was not an heir to any throne. He had to be voted in. So I guess the real culprit is not bad leaders who try force casinos or tele-casinos or floating casinos or flying casinos down our throats—the real culprit is those who voted him into office. In this case, I guess it is true what they say. We get the government we deserve.

But there are some great arguments coming from his corner. “*Prim, chagi fan i* casino! We might as well give it a try! We have nothing to lose!”

“*Dispensa prim*, but we have plenty to lose. We tried gambling in the form of poker. You know, the game that our leaders promised us that was only going to be played by tourists... that game that was only supposed to be in hotel lobbies. You know, the game that has destroyed hundreds of families by producing poker addicts who would sell their own kids to feed their addiction. Yeah, that one, *prim*. We got enough gambling on Saipan as it already is. The 2010 Census showed that there are more poker parlors on Saipan than there are boonie dogs. *Atdit prim!*”

Hey *prim*, how about we try something different? Instead of regurgitating and recycling old ideas, why don’t we concentrate on some new ones? Here are three:

Part-time legislature. Win-win situation here. Anyone will be able to run for office, without giving up their daytime job. Because it is part-time, no more huge budgets, no more big slush funds, and no more junkets.

Three strikes rule. Mandatory long-term prison sentences for career criminals. If you are convicted of three felonies, then say “Hasta la vista, baby!” You can now enjoy a long stay at the very quaint Saipan prison! There you can enjoy three square meals a day in air-conditioned comfort, courtesy of us taxpayers. At least you won’t be burglarizing people’s homes anymore. Or selling crystal meth to kids. Or beating up your wife and kids. Or raping and terrorizing your neighbors. If you commit to a life of crime, then commit to a lifetime behind bars. Do the crime, do the time.

Garapan Fishermen and Farmer’s Market. Instead of using prime public property across Kristo Rai Church for kiddie bumper cars or waiting in vain to turn it in to a floating casino, why not use it for what it was once intended for? A beautiful market for our local fishermen and farmers, complete with an amphitheatre and restaurants. The blueprints are still available, and we have a ton of ARRA

Changing the game on class schedules

For many schools, the daily schedule of 8am to 3pm is an age-old practice that is as common as morning coffee. However, an increasing number of schools across the nation are breaking from the traditional school day and calendar to accommodate ever-increasing enrollment and budgetary shortfalls. This includes the practice of lengthening the school day, extending time into summer vacation, split shift schedules, multi-tracks, and a host of alternatives to tradition. And this movement is not fueled just by budgets or enrollment, but by the way we understand how children are learning in a new millennium. The argument against seat time has been made. All the talk about meeting standards and benchmarks, teacher accountability, teacher quality, class size, and numerous other solutions directed at student achievement have arisen out of the realization that schools are not making the progress that they need. Jennifer Davis, president and CEO of the National Center on Time and Learning, states, “We’re not closing the achievement gap, and we’re not keeping pace internationally with other industrially advanced countries.” She points out that, accustomed as we may be to the traditional 6 ½ hour, 180 day school year, it’s an outdated schedule better fitting the needs of farmers (who needed all hands on deck during the summer harvest months) than today’s families. “We need to rethink the ‘agrarian schedule,’” she says.

This is the school reform movement at its best, educated people taking risks by breaking from tradition and seeking alternative ways in which children can learn by taking a good look at the schedule and making some adjustments such as a longer school day for some students, earlier starts, and later dismissals. Unfortunately, many people are not all that willing to change. It is perhaps a natural inclination for both teachers and parents to resist change when faced with the reality of its eventuality. Ac-

cording to a report by Education Sector, an independent education policy think tank, some parents, especially those in higher income brackets, may be wary of more school hours as it could mean less time for extracurricular or family togetherness. In contrast, single, low-income, and working parents are more likely to support the longer school day, as it means school and work schedules will be more aligned, and children will have access to more educational resources.

I’m sure that for many parents, the thought of their child being offered a safe place to play and learn in a full day from dawn to dusk would be a welcome thought. But we really need to remember that both the parents and the school systems must be in it together to find the solutions, and that means both will need to make sacrifices. In the world of educational design, a school that has all the great aspects to it from the classroom space to the instructional methods is still something of a myth. Indeed there are a few iconic schools that we read about such as having all the things they need: high student achievement, a great school climate, and indeed all schools would likely aspire to be right alongside them. However, the single most contributing factor to the success of a great school is the stakeholders that support it. Everyone from the teachers and the boards of education, to the parents. Teachers will need to be dedicated like they’ve never been before, school boards will have to take risks and think outside of the box, and parents will have to make serious sacrifices to their daily schedules and lifestyle if a great school is what they want.

Most parents are also dutifully responsible to put food on the table and pay the bills, and that means going to work. In schools where we see success stories, we often see a two-parent family where only one is working, or a single parent who happens to work from home that can allow them significant access to their children and the support for their education. For the schools

By **ED PROPST**

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funds to make this happen! Forget casinos! Let’s support our local farmers and fishermen and boost tourism at the same time!

These are only three ideas, but they will have a greater positive impact on our economy than a dozen casinos and tele-casinos. A part-time legislature will open the floodgates to new leaders who can finally run for office without having to quit their current job, and because the part-time legislature will have only a meager stipend and budget to operate with, it will be unattractive to self-serving politicians.

As far as getting tough on crime goes, it will help clean up the image of our islands. I don’t know, but something tells me that tourists who have their purses or wallets snatched or their rent-a-cars broken into are probably not going to come back to our islands. If they have a safe and pleasant experience while visiting our islands and go home happy, there is a greater chance for them to return. They are also likely to bring family and friends on their next trip. Repeat tourism is what we all need to strive for, and having tourists promote our islands by speaking about their wonderful experiences here with friends and family is our greatest marketing tool!

As far as a marketplace for fishermen and farmers is concerned, all you need to do is visit or look up Seattle’s famous Pike Place Market. It is an exciting place to visit and it brings tourists and residents of Seattle together. It is estimated that nearly 10 million people visit it annually. There is no reason why we cannot achieve similar success on a smaller scale with our very own public market.

MVA is right on the money in proclaiming “Tourism is everybody’s business.” How very true. But we as a community must realize that good governance is also everybody’s business. At the end of the day, we cannot expect to achieve greatness with less-than-mediocre leaders, and we cannot expect change without hard work, sacrifice, and new ideas that benefit everyone, not just the well-connected few.

Brothers and sisters, the salvation of our economy is dependent on our number one industry, and that is tourism. But tourism cannot

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who have alternative schedules such as a split day where half the school attends in the early AM and the second half in the PM, the problem of students coming home early in the day isn’t that concerning as there is always someone home to receive them. In stark contrast, those parents who are not lucky enough to have that schedule are further burdened with knowing that their child may be coming home early from school to an otherwise empty house, and that can be stressful for many families.

The discussion on alternative schedules isn’t over. School districts will continue to seek ways in which they can overcome changes in their demographic. Here in the CNMI we are also not immune to these changes. The enrollment of secondary school students has increased each year and will continue to do so. With the economy continuing to stagger, coupled with increased opportunities and student achievement mandates in public school, 2011-2012 is expected to see even more growth. What will the schools in the CNMI do? Aside from waving a magic wand and building new schools over the summer months, they will be forced to make changes that haven’t been considered in over a decade.






What is the district plan for such a change? There are few choices. The school leadership teams are tasked to try and come

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 88° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 77°	▲ 88° ▼ 77°	▲ 88° ▼ 77°	▲ 88° ▼ 77°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 88 ▼ 79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 83 ▼ 79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 83 ▼ 78
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▼ 78
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 81 ▼ 77

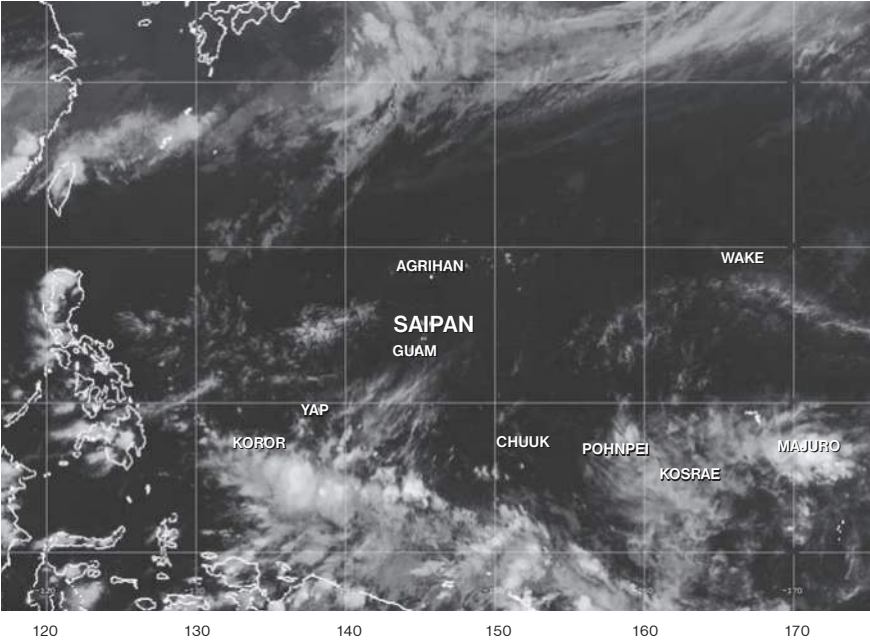
Around The Globe

Auckland	Sunny	▲ 66 ▼ 60
Beijing	Windy	▲ 80 ▼ 56
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 81 ▼ 78
Honolulu	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 82 ▼ 74
London	Mostly Sunny	▲ 65 ▼ 46
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 72 ▼ 59
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 90 ▼ 83
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 58 ▼ 49
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 88 ▼ 74
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲ 70 ▼ 54
Osaka	Sunny	▲ 71 ▼ 59
Paris	Sunny	▲ 72 ▼ 50
Pusan	Windy	▲ 69 ▼ 58
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲ 77 ▼ 57
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲ 63 ▼ 42
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 61 ▼ 50
Seoul	Windy	▲ 66 ▼ 52
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲ 78 ▼ 61
Washington, DC	Showers	▲ 71 ▼ 58

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
3:42 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
10:21 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
4:08 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
10:04 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2011
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A circulation is centered southeast of Koror at 3N141E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the circulation are occurring south of Koror within 100 miles of a line from 6N132E to 2N138E. Similar weather is present southeast of Yap between the equator and 9N from 138E to 145E. Another circulation is centered southwest of Kosrae at 3N161E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the circulation are taking place over Kosrae but just east of Pohnpei between the equator and 9N from 159E to 165E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers over Majuro but just south of Kwajalein within 100 miles of a line from 6N166E to 6N173E to 9N179E west of 174E. Isolated thunderstorms are found within this area.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:49 AM	6:38 PM
Saturday	5:49 AM	6:38 PM
Sunday	5:49 AM	6:38 PM
Monday	5:48 AM	6:39 PM
Tuesday	5:48 AM	6:39 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	2:23 PM	1:56 AM
Saturday	3:22 PM	2:40 AM
Sunday	4:23 PM	3:26 AM
Monday	5:26 PM	4:16 AM
Tuesday	6:30 PM	5:09 AM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM				GUAM-SAIPAN			
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily	C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6	C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	5K389	1:35pm	2:25pm	1, 4, 6
5K382	6:00pm	6:50pm	2, 5, 7	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily	C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily	C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:00am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5	OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7	OZ605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
MU590	4:30am	7:20am	2, 6	MU589	8:50pm	3:30am+1	1, 5
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 5	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 4	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN	OZ704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL172/288	7:45am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM	C0890/9606	10:55am	8:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:00am	10:15pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
C09313/933	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM	C0892/9596	9:55pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09603/893	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau	PR110/C09596	10:15pm	7:25am+1	6 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:20pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 ICN	PR110/C09596	10:15pm	7:50am+1	1, 2, 4, 7 via GUM
OZ604/715	3:20pm	11:30pm	7	C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 4, 7 via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:25am+1	3, 6 via GUM
				C0934/9596	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG				HONG KONG-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ724/603	12:30am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ750/603	1:00am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM	5K169	9:55am	5:00pm	2, 5, 7
5K168	3:25pm	6:35pm	1, 4, 6	OZ722/605	1:25pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:25pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
				C0910/9596	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM
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FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
FRE 300	17:50	18:20	Daily				
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
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Letter to the Editor

Why repeal Article 12

Repealing of Article 12 puts everyone on an even playing field. Repealing Article 12 will allow individual landowners to independently decide what to do with his/her land. As it is, Article 12 does not provide landowners unilateral right to decide on their own what to do with their land. The future generations of the CNMI people will eventually lose their land because Article 12 states that you cannot own land in the CNMI unless you have at least 25 percent (1/4) Northern Marianas descent, NMD. A person may qualify as NMD:

If that person were born or domiciled in the Northern Mariana

Islands by 1950;

And was a citizen of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands before the termination of the Trusteeship with respect to the Commonwealth. The Trusteeship ended on Nov. 3, 1986.

You may not own land in the CNMI if you do not qualify under the two conditions stated above. You are also not qualified to own land if you left the Northern Marianas before 1950 and established residence say, in island nations in Micronesia, Guam, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, or the United States.

Since 1950 and thereafter

failing neighborhoods are the result of failing schools. You can build all the community centers you want to, fix all the roads, staff the hospitals, and even fix the power grid, but if you don't have an educated population you have achieved little as everything will certainly fall into disrepair.

If we can focus our attention to investing in a educated population we will see our neighborhoods rise from the ashes, our young authors, doctors, engineers, and builders return to be a part of a successful and flourishing community. We have to give the people who "live here and leave" a reason to return, a reason to have their children grow up and be educated in the CNMI instead of seeking a better future off island. This is not a dream; it can be a reality. We need to change what we're doing and step up to the plate and proceed with all God's speed to save our children and our island. Don't give up, stand up and participate, make it happen. Be a part of the change.

many NMDs have gone off-island for various reasons. One of the more popular reasons is to further their education to become doctors, nurses, teachers, economists, etc. Some of our college graduates eventually married someone they met while attending college in U.S. or abroad. The following scenarios are examples that might fit your situation:

■ The CNMI person who is 100 percent NMD marries a 00 percent NMD.

■ Their children will then be 50 percent NMD.

■ If one of the children with 50 percent NMD marries someone who is 00 percent NMD, their children will reduce their bloodline down to 25 percent NMD.

■ If the following generations reduce their bloodline to less than 25 percent NMD, they will no longer be able to own land in the CNMI.

The illustrations above determine who can own land, fee simple in the CNMI. Any further dilution of bloodline below 25 percent will disqualify that person to legally own land in the CNMI. There are many people here in the CNMI who are no longer qualified to own land, fee simple, legally. A cursory survey of the impact of land ownership pursuant to provisions of Article 12 indicates that many locals might not qualify to own land now.

We must each ask if we are qualified to hold fee simple title of land in the CNMI. It is strongly recommended that you check if your children, their children, and their children's children will still be qualified to own land pursuant to provisions of Article 12.

Repealing Article 12 will guarantee you ownership of your private land. If you don't want to sell your land, so be it. If you want to sell your land, that is a deci-

sion that you and you alone can make. If you want to give away your land, again that is your decision to make. You can do all of the above even after Article 12 is repealed. You do not have to worry about your future generations not being able to determine what to do with the land you leave behind for them.

Many "not-so-well-informed" folk are saying that they want to keep Article 12 as is. Or extend the life of Article 12 to either 75 years or 99 years. By then, majority of people in the CNMI will alienate themselves from their land because the vast majority of people living on these islands will probably have less than 25 percent NMD bloodline. This is sure to happen because the CNMI is a "melting pot" with different nationalities intermarrying with Chamorros and Carolinians. The only way I would concede to keep Article 12 is for this govern-

ment to enact a law to prohibit intermarriage between NMDs and non-NMDs.

In reading Sections 4 of Article 12 of our Constitution, I learned that a person does not have to be born in the Northern Mariana Islands to qualify as NMD. A person of Northern Marianas descent is a person who is a citizen or national of the United States who is at least 1/4 Northern Marianas Chamorro or Carolinian or a combination thereof. A child who is not NMD, if adopted by Chamorro or Carolinian NMD, is qualified as NMD even if that child was not born in the CNMI.

I strongly urge everyone in the CNMI to support an Initiative to allow the voters to express their views whether or not to repeal Article 12 at the next general or special election.

David M. Sablan
Papago, Saipan

CHANGING

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up with solutions and some have already begun the process. However, they will likely need active support from the Board of Education, the education commissioner, and the parents to help find these solutions. We have to realize that we are changing the landscape of education in the CNMI. We must at all costs stand up and embrace the change and take a serious look at how we can meet the needs of our growing educational community. We need leadership at all levels of government and in schools that have the vision to see that the education of its population is the most valuable asset to its future and the successful development of our islands. When we fail to provide for our students, we fail our community. The best school reformers in the nation will tell you that failing schools are not the result of failing neighborhoods, but more so the opposite, that

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25 employers attend 1st 'Briefing with the Boss' luncheon for 2011

The Guam-CNMI Committee of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve recently conducted its first "Briefing with the Boss" luncheon.

About 25 employers and their representatives attended the event at Charley's Cabaret of the Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio on May 6.

"Briefing with the Boss" is for supervisors or managers who deal with service member-employees and also serves as an opportunity to educate them about the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 or USERRA.

USERRA is a federal law

that establishes the rights and responsibilities of members of the National Guard and Reserve and their civilian employers. It affects employment, re-employment, employment benefits, and retention in employment when employees serve or have served in the uniformed services.

Friday's luncheon featured presentations from Military Outreach director Mark Calvo who discussed the ESGR mission and various programs and ESGR Guam-CNMI Committee vice chair David J. Sablan who talked about the USERRA.

The event was organized

by the CNMI committee volunteers Rose Igitol, Ed Salas, and Janice Tenorio.

Tenorio said that although there are no new employers for Guards and Reservists in the CNMI, the ESGR will continue to conduct the luncheons to remind them about the USERRA. (Clarissa V. David)

STILL

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that contaminated the effluent is not a natural by-product of normal processing, so some unauthorized, unregulated, and illegal activities would have been ongoing (GE and the U.S. military are alluded to be in cahoots), and with the perceived arrogance of TEP-

CO's high command in ignoring accountability at the early stages of the disaster, one can see why the allegations quickly attained credibility.

Now, Osama has joined Elvis and UFOs, and the fantastic world of religious apparitions, as doubts of his being dead at all, as well as allegations that he had been really dead for a decade, are now being aired in mainstream media.

We join Jane Mack in being conflicted at the nature of ethical decisions that are made in the ambiguity of choosing between right from right, and wrong from wrong. It confirms our lucidity that such ambiguity is in the nature of freedom, obligation, and responsibility. The longed for days when choices were clear cut between right and wrong, black and white, are possibly mere figments of the

imagination rather than rooted in reality.

Indeed, the ancient global myth of Western creation in the biblical story has two promised lies: that consumption of the fruit would lead to the promise of certitude in knowledge and rightness in ethics. It concludes that this is not the way life is. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the pacifist German theologian who joined the underground's failed at-

tempt on Hitler's life, struggled with the nature of ethical decisions. We concur with his prescription: *Observe and judge the given facts, weigh up the values, decide and act.* Then surrender the deed into history foregoing any attempt at justification. "Just do it."

The original "sin" in our time is not about choosing wrong; it is refusing to make a choice in the face of ambiguity, in order to appear clean, or politically correct. Ironically, Osama and Obama are alike in one thing—they both made choices finally in the authority of authenticity rather than in opportune externalities of scripture and tradition, law and morality. It would be in line with our best humanity to do likewise.

STOP

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flourish if we have leaders who fail to understand the basic fundamentals of attracting tourists. Before we even ever consider casinos, we *must* ensure that our beaches are beautiful and litter-free. We *must* ensure that our lagoons are safe and clean for our tourists to swim in. We *must* ensure that our tourists are safe to visit our popular tourist attractions without getting robbed, and that they are able to use the public toilets. And we must continue to smile fervently and greet all of our visitors as we do our family and friends...with a warm "Hafa adai!" and "Olomwaay!"

Albert Einstein once said, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." To our leaders who are relentlessly trying to pursue every form of gambling imaginable, please stop this insanity. Our people have had enough. Concentrate on good legislation. Concentrate on the basics. Concentrate on cleaning up the eyesores and illegal dumping grounds and dirty, polluted beaches. Concentrate on preserving and protecting national historic landmarks, like sacred Marpi. In a nutshell, concentrate on putting your people first and politics last. If you can do all of this, then you can reinvent yourself as a statesman, instead of a self-serving politician. You may not be rewarded with big contracts or make big money, but you will forever have the gratitude and love from our people, and that is priceless. I sincerely hope you can do this. Our current and future generations are depending on you.



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Man'amko talent show now for free

The public can now watch the *Man'amko* Amazing Talent Show for free.

The event, which is part of the celebration of Older Americans Month or *Mes Man'amko*, is scheduled tonight from 7pm

to 8pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center.

The show will feature the island's elderly population showcasing their talents through musical performances and stand-up comedy.

Walter Manglona, Aging Office program coordinator, said the tickets for the show were initially sold for \$10 each.

However, even after they lowered the ticket cost to \$5 then down to \$2, not a lot of

people were buying tickets. Of the 200 tickets printed, Manglona said they only sold "less than a hundred tickets."

Manglona said they understand that the tough economy prevents people from buying the

tickets, so they decided to do the show for free.

"We just want to encourage the people to swing by and watch how our *man'amko* practiced and prepared for this talent show for three months," he told

Saipan Tribune.

In observance of Older Americans Month, Manglona emphasized that the community should support the *man'amko* and their programs. "We need to show appreciation for the *man'amko*," he added.

Manglona said those who already purchased the tickets will be in the VIP section and given front row seats. (Clarissa V. David)

First Mother's Day Fair highlight women's roles in society



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

First lady Josie Fitial and Saipan Mayor Donald Flores' wife Cecilia Flores join members of the CNMI Women's Association during the first Mother's Day Family Fun Day on May 1 at the Carolinian Utt in Garapan.

By **CLARISSA V. DAVID**
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REPORTER

Prominent female personalities in the community highlighted the role of women in society at the first Mother's Day Family Fair

on May 1 at the Carolinian Utt in Garapan.

The theme for the event was "Women Empowering Women Across The CNMI."

The occasion was attended by first lady Josie Fitial, Saipan

mayor's wife Cecilia Flores, Special Assistant for Women's Affairs Office Remy Buniag, and members of the CNMI Women's Association, which organized the event.

In her remarks, Fitial noted

that male dominance "still appears to be the norm," which is why active women groups such as the CWA serve as mechanisms to promote the abilities and contributions of women.

"As a woman, I encourage you to be vigilant, strong, and stand your ground as equal to everyone in the CNMI," Fitial said.

For her part, Flores said women have taken various roles in the society throughout the years but their most important role, motherhood, has not changed.

"Women are considered the hub, the center of her family. She has the full power and control to nourish and protect her family and strongly stands alongside her husband to provide that nourishment and protection to their household," she said.

Tinian first lady Doris Dela Cruz and Rota first lady Estrella Mendiola's remarks were read to the crowd as they were unable to make it.

Mendiola congratulated all

women "who have become role models in today's world."

"The success of our children, and the CNMI as a whole, depends largely on our women. Women are like the thread that holds our families together," said Dela Cruz.

CWA president Susana Deleon Guerrero said their organization aims to uplift the morale of women and realize their inherent power and strength.

She said women are already "empowering themselves" and "accepting challenges" to effect changes in the community.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The CNMI WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Program has extended the deadline for submission of applications for Tinian Vendors to May 20, 2011. Applications may be picked up at the CNMI WIC Administrative Building located in Navy Hill, Saipan, Building No. N-25 or may be downloaded online by visiting our website at www.cnmiwic.org. The Vendor Selection Criteria is attached to the application and may also be viewed on the website.

Applications must be submitted to the CNMI WIC Program office no later than 4:00 p.m.,

May 20, 2011. Prospective applicants are encouraged to carefully read through the information provided to ensure minimum qualifications and requirements are met.

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Judiciary's marshals get expanded authority, duties



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Chief Justice Miguel S. Demapan, Justice Castro, Presiding Judge Robert Naraja, and judges David Wiseman and Kenneth Govendo pose with members of the Judiciary Marshal Service Division after the swearing-in ceremony of the marshals yesterday afternoon.

The Legislature passed and Gov. Benigno R. Fitial recently signed Public Law 17-41, expanding the authority, duties, and responsibilities of the Judiciary's Marshal Service Division.

The passage of the bill enhances law enforcement and public safety. Up until now, CNMI law required the Department of Public Safety to serve court processes and juror summons, but due to budgetary cuts and other DPS priorities, the service of jury summons and processes of the courts was often being delayed. The Legislature determined that the law needed to be amended.

The Marshal Service Division, created by the Commonwealth Judicial Council as the law-enforcement, service, and protection arm of the Judiciary, will now be responsible for serving court process and juror summons, executing court orders and mandates, maintaining peace in the courthouse, and providing security for the Judiciary. Marshals now have the authority to make arrests and carry firearms to protect the Judiciary and its staff.

The Judicial Council shall establish minimum standards of professional experience, physical and mental health and education under which the marshals shall qualify for their positions. Convicted felons or others who have been convicted of crimes of moral turpitude may not serve in the Marshal Service Division. Marshals will undergo firearms training and periodic certification like police officers.

In addition to general court security duties, members of the Marshal Service Unit will also help transport and escort prisoners within the judicial building, and take prisoners into custody during court proceedings.

"The Marshal Service Division is now a fully recognized law enforcement entity. Its officers have authority equal to police officers in the performance of their duties," said Chief Justice Miguel S. Demapan.

The new authority will allow the Judiciary to qualify to apply for federal funding to support the Marshal Service Division's functions. (PR)



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Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden

This highly anticipated weekly celebration will be held every Saturday in May at American Memorial Park from 6-10 p.m. The event will feature delicious local and international cuisine sold by over 15 hotel and local restaurants. Enjoy the talent of local and international performers with live entertainment all evening. The event will feature nightly competitions, as well as trivia questions aimed at promoting tourism awareness.

"My Marianas" Community Outreach Presentation

Get up-to-date on the latest industry trends and upcoming tourism events during this picturesque slideshow on Saturday evenings at the Taste of the Marianas. Tourism Month informational packages will also be available on-site.

On-the-Street Interviews

MVA turns the spotlight on you as random community members are given an opportunity to share their views on various tourism topics in the Tourism Tuesday feature of the Saipan Tribune.

Radio Tourism Trivia

Call in with the correct answer for your chance to win tokens for the Taste of the Marianas and Tourism Month T-shirts. "Did You Know?" and "Fun Facts about Tourism in the Northern Marianas" will be aired regularly throughout the month on Power 99 (99.5 FM), KZMI (103.9 FM) and KKMP (1440 AM and 92.1 FM).

Taste of the Marianas Competitions

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Judiciary presents awards to winners of Law Day Poster and Essay contest

The CNMI Judiciary presented awards yesterday to two Rota students and other winners of the first Law Day Poster and Essay contest.

Associate Justice Alexander C. Castro presented the awards to Andrea T. Atalig of Sinapalo Elementary School, who won first place in the poster contest, and to Beda G. Mundo of Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Junior High School, for got first place in the essay contest.

In a ceremony at the CNMI Supreme Court, Castro also handed out awards in cash and prizes to the other winners in the poster contest for elementary school students, and the essay contest for middle school students.

In the poster contest, the other winners were all from William S. Reyes Elementary School: Francheska O. Fauni, second place; Ryan Christian U. Relucio, third

place; Chloe Hazel Anne P. Salvosa, honorable mention; and Eunice Anne C. Viray, honorable mention.

In the essay contest, the other winners were Jonathan R. Pangelinan, Mount Carmel School, second place; Zion Alamer of Calvary Christian Academy, third place; Noemy Grace V. Pamintuan of MCS, honorable mention; and Cathryn Javier of MCS, honorable mention.

This year's National Law Day theme was "The Legacy of John Adams, from Boston to Guantanamo."

"The theme basically highlights one of the most important aspect of our justice system, and that is, a person accused of a crime is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond reasonable doubt in a court of law," Castro said. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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On May 12, CTSI donated \$1,000 to the Marianas Islands Nature Alliance to pay for costs associated with the trash hauling at the company's adopted park, Susupe Beach Park. Present were TSL Foundation manager Ed Arriola Jr., VP of CTSI Ivan Quichocho, MINA director Sam Sablan, and CTSI Saipan GM Joven Cruz. "This is our second year of support and the trash hauling services are a reliable way of getting debris and trash out of the park and into the landfill so that the park can always be clean. TanHoldings and its companies are committed to protecting and nurturing our green and public spaces," said Arriola.

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Mori re-elected FSM president

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—The 17th Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia convened on May 11 2011, and re-elected Sen. Emanuel "Manny" Mori to the Presidency and Sen. Isaac V. Figir for the Speakership of the new Congress.

Congress elected to continue the composition of the national leadership with President Mori and Vice President Alik L. Alik as heads of the Executive Branch and Speaker Figir Heading the Legislative Branch with new presiding officers and some changes to the heads of the congressional standing committees.

The presiding officers of the new 17th FSM Congress are:

- Speaker: Senator Isaac V. Figir
- Vice Speaker: Sen. Berny Martin



Mori

■ Floor leader: Sen. Florencio Singkoro Harper

The seven congressional standing committees are headed by:

- Sen. Dohsis Halbert, Committee on Ways and Means;
- Sen. David W. Panuelo, Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations;
- Sen. Roger S. Mori, Committee on Resources and Development;
- Sen. Joseph J. Urusemal, Committee on Education;
- Sen. Peter M. Christian, Committee on Transportation and Communications;
- Sen. Tony H. Otto, Committee on Health and Social Affairs; and
- Sen. Paliknoa K. Welly, Committee on External Affairs.

FSM Chief Justice Martin G. Yinug administered the oath of office to members of Congress. Following the election of the President

and Vice President, Yinug also administered the oath of office to the heads of the Executive Branch at the Congress chamber, which was packed with citizens and visitors alike.

The opening day was crowded as usual with leaders from both the national government and the state governments along traditional leadership and members of the diplomatic community. Notable was the presence of all four state governors and their delegations. Also lending their presence to the proceedings was the First Speaker of the FSM Congress, Bethwel Henry, and former presidents John Haglegam and Leo A. Falcam.

Those who were not in the Congress chamber were able to tune in to the local radio stations for the day's proceedings via a live-broadcast through the FSM Telecommunications Corp.

According to Congress Rules of Procedures, regular sessions of the FSM Congress are for 20 days, unless shortened or extended by congressional resolution. The first session of the 17th Congress is expected to adjourn on May 30, 2011. (PR)

Learn how to make *dinisdisi*



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Stephen Kelvin Ray Camacho holds the first coconut grater made last month at the Chamorro-Carolinian Cultural Center. For the month of May, the theme is cooking.

Are you a Chamorro or a Carolinian? Do you know what is *dinisdisi*? Learn how to make *dinisdisi* and have it for lunch this Saturday, May 14, 2011.

The Chamorro/Carolinian Cultural Center (with the hut) at 1213 Capitol Hill Road is offering free classes this month on traditional food preparations. This Saturday, May 14, the Center is offering free classes on making *dinisdisi*, coconut oil, and fish/meat dryer.

Classes start on Saturdays at 9am and end around noon time.

Chamorros and Carolinians (ages 14-99) are invited to come and attend free classes on Chamorro and Carolinian traditional knowledge and practices. Go to building 1213 Capitol Hill Road, south of Isa Drive. Building 1213, with the hut, is across the CNMI Workforce Investment Agency and by the CNMI Board of Parole Office. (PR)

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy 11th birthday to our princess, Nathaley Smith! May the Lord bless you and grant you many more birthdays to come. Lots of love coming from your family.



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Business

Budget deficit on track to exceed \$1 trillion

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government is taking in more tax revenue as the economy improves, but not nearly enough to keep the federal budget deficit from exceeding \$1 trillion for a third straight year.

The deficit for April dropped to \$40.5 billion, half the imbalance from the same month last year, the Treasury Department said Wednesday. Tax receipts were up 45 percent last month compared to the same month one year ago.

Still, the deficit is on pace to grow to \$1.4 trillion in this budget year, according to the Congressional Budget Office. That would be greater than last year's \$1.29 trillion deficit and nearly match the record \$1.41 trillion deficit hit in 2009.

Through the first seven months of the budget year, the deficit has totaled \$869.9 billion—a figure that just three years ago would have ranked as the highest ever for a full year.

Soaring deficits are putting pressure on Congress and President Barack Obama to agree on a long-term plan to trim federal spending.

The White House and Democrats want to trim the deficit through spending cuts and also by ending tax cuts for the wealthy, which were first passed when President George W. Bush was in office and later extended by Obama.

Republicans reject that approach, saying it amounts to a tax increase. Their plan would focus exclusively on cutting spending. They have also proposed further tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans.

A decade ago, it seemed the federal budget was heading in the opposite direction. The government had a surplus of \$127 billion in 2001 when President

George W. Bush took office and was projected to run surpluses totaling \$5.6 trillion over the next decade.

But by 2002, the country was back in the red. The deficits grew after Bush won approval for the broad tax cuts, pushed a major drug benefit program for seniors—which wasn't offset with revenue to pay for it—and entered the country into wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In 2008, Bush's last full year in office, the deficit had grown to \$454.8 billion, a record at the time. And when the economy soured, it jumped into the \$1 trillion-plus range.

The Bush administration pushed a \$700 billion bailout program in 2008 to rescue the nation's banks, financial firms and automakers. The following year, the Obama administration continued the bailouts and also backed a \$787 billion stimulus program to boost the economy.

Higher spending for unemployment insurance and food stamps, and the sharp contraction in tax revenues, also widened the deficit. And it grew even more this year after Obama and congressional Republicans signed off on a deal that extended the Bush tax cuts for two years and also reduced Social Security payroll taxes for one year.

The monthly reports this year have shown that the revenue losses are turning around. Unemployment, while still high, has been declining. More people working means more tax revenue for the government.

Through April, government revenues totaled \$1.31 trillion, up 9.2 percent from the seven months through April of 2010. The increase included the big jump in income tax payments received by the government from individuals filing in April and also

a gain in corporate tax payments.

Government spending totaled \$2.18 trillion through April, a 9 percent increase over the same period a year ago. One of the fastest-rising categories was interest on the government's debt held by the public, which rose 13.1 percent to \$139.3 billion through the first seven months of this budget year.

Last month, Standard & Poor's lowered its long-term outlook for the federal debt from "stable" to "negative." The credit rating agency said there could be serious consequences if lawmakers failed to reach a deal to control the ballooning deficits.

Nation

A chosen few see bin Laden photos

WASHINGTON (AP)—Select members of Congress are making appointments at CIA headquarters to view graphic photos of Osama bin Laden's corpse. But the American people might have to wait decades to see images of the al-Qaida leader who was killed in Pakistan by Navy SEALs during a daring middle-of-the-night raid.

The CIA is allowing members of the House and Senate Intelligence and Armed Services committees to see the photos in a secure room at

the agency's headquarters in Langley, Va., a CIA spokesman said Wednesday. Lawmakers cannot take copies of the photos with them.

Access on Capitol Hill to privileged information, whether it's a military secret, campaign strategy or the identity of a political nominee, is the coin of the realm in Washington. Knowing what so many others don't can raise public profiles and spice careers in ways that methodically toiling over legislation and casting floor

votes cannot.

The CIA invitations went out to the lawmakers who oversee spy missions and military operations.

GOP Rep. Mike Rogers, chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, was a largely unknown Michigan lawmaker when he was appointed to the post in December after Republicans won House control. Bin Laden's death has catapulted him into a different league as an expert and insider, a familiar face now on television news shows.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Supply problems and shadow of recall plague Toyota

DETROIT (AP)—Toyota should have owned the road this summer. When gas prices go up, American drivers go for smaller, fuel-efficient cars. The last time prices at the pump spiked in 2008, Toyota captured the title of world's No. 1 automaker—and has held it ever since. Now gas costs almost \$4 a gallon again, but Toyota is struggling. It's been hammered by supply disruptions from the Japan earthquake and can't escape the stigma from its safety-related recalls last year. And its rivals are making flashier cars with great gas mileage. Toyota said Wednesday that its quarterly profit fell more than 75 percent, mostly because of production problems from the March 11 quake and tsunami. The automaker's CEO, Akio Toyoda, said executives are "gritting our

teeth" to keep jobs in Japan.

Bernanke: Fed to unveil banking rules this summer

WASHINGTON (AP)—Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said the Fed will unveil new regulations this summer that would protect the U.S. economy from another meltdown of the nation's largest banks and financial companies. Congress directed the Fed to write the rules when it passed last year's financial regulatory overhaul, in response to the 2008 financial crisis. The rules will include stricter capital requirements for the biggest banks, hedge funds and insurance companies whose failure could throw the financial sector into another crisis. In prepared testimony to the Senate Banking Committee, Bernanke said the Fed will allow the public to comment on the rules before implementing them in January 2012.



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Floodwaters rise in the poverty-stricken Delta

RENA LARA, Miss. (AP)—Floodwaters from the bloated Mississippi River and its tributaries spilled across farm fields, cut off churches, washed over roads and forced people from their homes Wednesday in the Mississippi Delta, a poverty-stricken region only a generation or two removed from sharecropping days.

People used boats to navigate flooded streets as the crest rolled slowly downstream, bringing misery to poor, low-lying communities. Hundreds have left their homes in the Delta in the past several days as the water rose toward some of the highest levels on record.

The flood crest is expected to push all the way through the Delta by late next week.

“It’s getting scary,” said Rita Harris, 43, who lives in a tiny wooden house in the shadow of the levee in the Delta town of Rena Lara, population 500. “They won’t let you go up there to look at the water.”

Officials in the town, which has no local newspaper or TV stations, tried to reassure residents that they are doing what they can to shore up the levee and that they will warn people if they need to leave.

Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour urged people to get out if they think there is even a chance their homes will flood. He said

there is no reason to believe a levee on the Yazoo River would fail, but if it did, 107 feet of water would flow over small towns.

“More than anything else, save your life and don’t put at risk other people who might have to come in and save your lives,” he said.

The Mississippi Delta, with a population of about 465,000, is a leaf-shaped expanse of rich soil between the Mississippi and Yazoo Rivers, extending about 200 miles from Memphis, Tenn., to Vicksburg, Miss. Along the way are towns whose names are familiar to Civil War buffs, aficionados of the blues, and scholars of the civil rights era: Clarksdale, Greenwood, Greenville and Yazoo City.

While some farms in the cotton-, rice- and corn-growing Delta are prosperous, there is also grinding poverty. Nine of the 11 counties that touch the Mississippi River in Mississippi have poverty rates at least double the national average of 13.5 percent, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

The governor said the state is asking local officials to get in touch with people who might have no electricity and phones and thus no way to get word of the flooding.

“It’s a tiny number, but we have to find them,” Barbour said.

ACROSS THE NATION

TSA defends frisking of baby at KC airport
KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Federal officials insisted Wednesday that screeners at Kansas City International Airport were just doing their jobs when they frisked a baby, an incident that gained worldwide attention after a pastor posted a cellphone picture of the pat-down on Twitter. The baby’s stroller set off an alert of possible traces of explosives Saturday, so the screeners were justified in taking a closer look at the boy cradled in his mother’s arms, said Nick Kimball, a spokesman for the Transportation Security Administration.

Students await word on Calif. campus killings
SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)—San Jose State University students anxiously awaited details Wednesday about a shooting at a campus parking garage that left three people dead, including the suspected gunman. Police were investigating the incident as a murder-suicide. School officials did not release a possible motive or said if the two males and one female were students at the school. They hope to release more information on Thursday. The lack of information made some students nervous.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Job Vacancy Re-Announcement

Job Vacancy No. 11-025 Opening Date: Monday, May 9, 2011
Closing Date: Friday, May 20, 2011

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS SPECIALIST

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Job Vacancy No. 11-027 Opening Date: Monday, May 9, 2011
Closing Date: Friday, May 20, 2011

ACCOUNTANT

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Closing Date: Friday, May 20, 2011

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AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

C. Adoption of Agenda

D. Adoption of Minutes of Meetings

1. March 11, 2011 (Regular)

2. April 27, 2011 (Regular)

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. REPORTS

A. Communications

1. Chairman/Trustees

2. Administrator/Deputy

B. Status / Updates

1. Administrative

2. Action Items (Summary)

C. Investments

D. Accounting

1. NMI Retirement Fund

2. GHLTF

3. WCC

E. Board Committees

1. Operations, Personnel and Review

2. Finance & Investment

3. Special

F. Internal Auditor

IV. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Reports

1. Legal / Board Counsel

2. Administrative Hearing Officer

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Amendments – Procurement Regs.

B. Third Committee Member Election

C. FY 2009 Actuary Report

D. Organizational Structure

E. Election of Officers

F. International Equities Account

G. WCC Lease Agreement

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Announcements

B. Next Meeting

C. Adjournment

/s/ SIXTO K. IGISOMAR
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APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. MVA	04/14/2011 TRS/LRm-2011-X-028	FILMING	SHORELINE & LAGOON	LAGOON & REEF APC	APPROVED(04/27/2011)*
2. SAIPAN CREW BOATS, INC.	05/09/2011 SSm-2011-X-029	DRYDOCK	SOUTH SEA PLANE RAMP	PORTS & INDUSTRIAL APC	APPROVED(03/10/2011)*
3. RMIC	05/10/2011 SMS-2011-X-030	QUARRY OPERATION	AS MATIUS	MAJOR SITING	UNDER REVIEW*

Publication of the above list is in accordance with CRM Regulations, which require all permit applications to be published in a local newspaper within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the CRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the CRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local CRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a CRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the CRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the CRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the CRM Regulations.



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
 2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Gualo Rai
 Saipan, MP 96950



INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW11-IFB-010

CONSTRUCTION OF STAGE AT TANAPAG BEACH PARK, SAIPAN

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Construction of Stage at Tanapag Beach Park, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **May 13, 2011** at DPW Technical Services Division 1353 Mednilla Avenue Capitol Hill. A non-refundable payment of One Hundred Dollars (**\$100.00**) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at DPW Technical Services Division. All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. Bidding procedures shall be in compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Preference is available to US Citizen or Permanent Residents as per Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118 and must be submitted with the BID or PROPOSAL if preference is claimed.

There will be a Pre-bid Conference for this project on **June 2, 2011**, 1:00 p.m. local time at the project site located at Tanapag Beach Park, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **June 7, 2011** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, DPW 1353 Mednilla Avenue Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 234-3547.

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW11-IFB-010"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 1:00 p.m. local time **June 14, 2011**. Bidders located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 1:00 p.m. local time, **June 14, 2011**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **June 14, 2011**, and must be received no later than **June 23, 2011**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 1:00 p.m. local time, **June 28, 2011**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 1:00 p.m. local time, on **June 17, 2011**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (**\$25,000.00**) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulation Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment bonds must be authorized to conduct business in CNMI and possess unencumbered assets equal to the penal amount of each bond.

Performance time for completion of this project is Ninety (**90**) Calendar days upon issuance of an official written Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed at One Hundred Dollars (**\$100.00.00**) per working days for delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN
 Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
 Director of Procurement & Supply



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-11-028
SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC GENERATION

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced Independent Power Producers (IPP), to supply electrical energy generated from commercially proven Solar Photovoltaic System (SPS) for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

CUC seeks responses from qualified developers from which the CUC intends to select one, or more, respondent(s) to negotiate Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) and install generation SPS facilities that best fit the CUC's requirements.

The Scope of Services requested in the Request for Proposal shall include, but not be limited to, securing sites, all permits and approvals from governing agencies, and providing all labor, services and equipment necessary to design, procure, install, construct, test, commission, monitor, operate, and maintain fully operational SPS Generating Facilities. Selected IPP(s) will be responsible for operating and maintaining all facets of the Generating Facility (ies) and for generating the required output as described in the Request for Proposal.

The Scope-of-Services will be **e-mailed** upon request, to all interested Offeror, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 AM to 4:00 PM), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on **May 16, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**, at CUC Power Plant No. 1 Administration Building, Lower Base Industrial Park, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-RFP-11-028 "Solar Photovoltaic Generation"** to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **September 29, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net and Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on **June 14, 2011** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net; Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net; and Mr. Wallon Young, Deputy Director, Power Generation/Distribution, via address email.wallon59@yahoo.com. CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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 Executive Director



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Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BID
CUC-IFB-11-035

SECURITY GUARD SERVICES

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms capable of providing Security Guard Services for various posts at CUC, Saipan, Tinian and Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Services may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 100.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

Contractors must provide proof of "Indemnity Liability Insurance," specifically covering security workers assigned to CUC's compound. Coverage must be a minimum of \$200,000.00.

Bidders shall provide a certification signed by a principle of the company stating that the company is currently in full compliance with all applicable CNMI and Federal Labor Laws and has been for the past Five (5) years. Should the company be unable to provide such certification, the company must provide a written explanation as to why, including a description of any violations of such CNMI and Federal labor laws and remedial action taken. Failure of the company to provide the certification or explanation is grounds to reject the entire bid.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-11-035, Security Guard Services", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **May 26, 2011 at 11:00 AM, (ChST)** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. CUC also would require a copy of the submittal to be emailed at the same time of the bid closing, to Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Assistant, via email: mika_muna@cucgov.net. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

The IFB does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the bid under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Bid award will be given to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder whose bid is responsive to all specification and requirements.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All inquiries regarding the Invitation for Bids must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST), on May 16, 2011 to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net with a copy to Mr. Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer- charles_warren@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Admin. Support Assistant, Procurement & Supply - mika_muna@cucgov.net.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and to waive any defect in said bids if, in its sole opinion, to do so is in the best interest of the CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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 Executive Director



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INVITATION FOR BID
CUC-IFB-11-033

CONSTRUCTION OF PRE-FABRICATED WAREHOUSE BUILDING

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified and experienced construction firms for the construction of CUC Pre- Supplied Building in Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The general work requirement includes the construction of foundation and assembly of pre-supplied/fabricated metal building structure.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 200.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a seal envelope marked "CUC-IFB-11-033, Construction of Warehouse Building, CUC Rota" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No.4, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan, P.O.Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **June 02, 2011 at 10:00 AM, (ChST)**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. CUC also would require a copy of the submittal to be emailed at the same time of the bid closing, to Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Assistant, via email: mika_muna@cucgov.net. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A pre-bid conference, followed by a site visit, will be held on **Monday May 16, 2011 at 9:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Rota Administration Office in Sinapalo II, Rota.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

The bidder is required to submit a copy of his CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current Federal minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract. The contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 20, 2011** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net with a copy to Ms. Sherri Hadley, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email sherri_hadley@cucgov.net; Mr. Charles Manglona, Deputy Director, CUC Rota -charles@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - mika_muna@cucgov.net.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the Invitation for Bids in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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 Executive Director

World

Diary: Bin Laden eyed new targets, big body count

WASHINGTON (AP)—Deep in hiding, his terror organization becoming battered and fragmented, Osama bin Laden kept pressing followers to find new ways to hit the U.S., officials say, citing his private journal and other documents recovered in last week's raid.

Strike smaller cities, bin Laden suggested. Target trains as well as planes. Above all, kill as many Americans as possible in a single attack.

Though he was out of the public eye and al-Qaida seemed to be weakening, bin Laden never yielded control of his worldwide organization, U.S. officials said

Wednesday. His personal, handwritten journal and his massive collection of computer files reveal his hand at work in every recent major al-Qaida threat, including plots in Europe last year that had travelers and embassies on high alert, two officials said.

They described the intelligence to The Associated Press only on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk publicly about what was found in bin Laden's hideout. Analysts are continuing to review the documents.

The information shatters the government's conventional thinking about bin Laden, who had

been regarded for years as mostly an inspirational figurehead whose years in hiding made him too marginalized to maintain operational control of the organization he founded.

Instead, bin Laden was communicating from his walled compound in Pakistan with al-Qaida's offshoots, including the Yemen branch that has emerged as the leading threat to the United States, the documents indicate. Though there is no evidence yet that he was directly behind the attempted Christmas Day 2009 bombing of a Detroit-bound airliner or the nearly successful attack on

cargo planes heading for Chicago and Philadelphia, it's now clear that they bear some of bin Laden's hallmarks.

He was well aware of U.S. counterterrorist efforts and schooled his followers in working around them, the messages to his followers show. Don't limit attacks to New York City, he said in his writings. Consider other areas such as Los Angeles or smaller cities. Spread out the targets.

In one particularly macabre bit of mathematics, bin Laden's writings show him musing over just how many Americans he must kill to force the U.S. to withdraw from the Arab world.

He concludes that the smaller, scattered attacks since 9/11 had not been enough. He tells his disciples that only a body count of thousands, something on the scale of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, would shift U.S. policy.

He also schemed about ways to sow political dissent in Washington and play political figures against one another, officials said.

The communications were in missives sent via plug-in com-

puter storage devices called flash drives. The devices were ferried to bin Laden's compound by couriers, a process that is slow but exceptionally difficult to track.

Intelligence officials have not identified any new planned targets or plots in their initial analysis of the 100 or so flash drives and five computers that Navy SEALs hauled away after killing bin Laden.

WORLD BRIEFS

2 quakes in Spain kill 10, injure dozens

MADRID (AP)—Two earthquakes struck southeast Spain in quick succession Wednesday, killing at least 10 people, injuring dozens and causing major damage to buildings, officials said. It was the highest quake-related death toll in Spain in more than 50 years. The epicenter of the quakes—with magnitudes of 4.4 and 5.2—was close to the town of Lorca, and the second came about two hours after the first, an official with the Murcia regional government said on condition of anonymity in line with department policy.

Rebels: Gadhafi forces pushed back from Misrata

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—Pressing to break a two-month siege, rebels in the port city of Misrata said Wednesday they had captured the local airport and pushed Moammar Gadhafi's forces ever further from the city's western outskirts. The reported advances were the latest in a recent flurry of accounts of rebel victories, coinciding with intensified NATO airstrikes on Gadhafi's forces in several areas of Libya. In all, NATO said Wednesday, the alliance has carried out more than 2,400 airstrikes since March 31 as part of the effort to assist the rebels and pressure Gadhafi to end his 42-year authoritarian rule.

48 women raped every hour in Congo, study finds

DAKAR, Senegal (AP)—The African nation of Congo has been called the worst place on earth to be a woman. A new study released Wednesday shows that it's even worse than previously thought: 1,152 women are raped every day, a rate equal to 48 per hour. That rate is 26 times more than the previous estimate of 16,000 rapes reported in one year by the United Nations. Michelle Hindin, an associate professor at Johns Hopkins' Bloomberg School of Public Health who specializes in gender-based violence, said the rate could be even higher. The source of the data, she noted, is a survey that was conducted through face-to-face interviews, and people are not always forthcoming about the violence they have suffered when talking to strangers.

In Loving Memory of †Nicolasa Reyes Quitugua

November 01, 1946 - May 10, 2011

In Her New Life, she now joins her:

Parents: Nicholas Blas and Ignacia Agulto Reyes

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

Husband: Daniel Ogo Quitugua

Children and Grandchildren:

Agnes Q. and Albert Taitano (Jovano, Marco and Daniel)

Patrick R. and Cristina Quitugua (Micah, Elijah, Isaiah, Johnny, Jonathan, Demetri, Brigeda and Patrick Anthony Jr.)

Daniel Jr. and Imelda Quitugua (Drake, Kaileah Junelle, Jacob and Noah)

Jeffrey Quitugua and Lianna Peters (Anthony Jeremiah, Darien Jeffrey and Jeffrey Jr.)

Rodney Quitugua and Pamela Torres (Leonard, Patrick, Dylan Jay, Tyler and Rodney Jr.)

Rollen Quitugua and Damien Quitugua

Brothers, Sisters and In-Laws:

Emerinciana R. and †Jesus Sonoda

Jose A. and †Francisca Reyes (Darlene Duenas)

Antonio A. and Ramona Reyes

Nicholas A. and Teresita Reyes

Jesus A. and Eloisa Reyes

Dolores R. and Dennis Drew

Gilbert A. and Teresita Reyes

Margarita R. and Roque Bermudes

Francisco A. and Joyce Reyes

Roman A. and Remedio Reyes

Thomas A. Reyes

She will be missed by numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, relatives and friends.

Mass of Intention is being celebrated each morning at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 6:00am and Holy Rosary is being recited at San Vicente Church each evening at 6:00pm.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2011. Her remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 7:30am. Responso Service will be at 8:00am followed Holy Rosary. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00am and Interment Service will be at Mt. Carmel Cemetery where she will be at a peaceful rest.

Si Yuus Maase - Thank You

Please Join Us In Prayers,
Daniel Ogo Quitugua, Children and Family

1st Death Anniversary



We, the family of the late

Thomas Igisemar Saures

invite our relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the passing of our beloved one unto eternal life.

Daily mass is being offered beginning May 11, 2011 at 6:00am at San Jose Church. Final mass will be celebrated on May 19, 2011 at 6:00am, followed by breakfast at San Jose Church social hall.

Your presence and prayers will be greatly appreciated.

Rita L. Saures and Family

In Celebration of her new life

†Bernadita Sablan Naputi Dela Cruz

Lovingly known as "Bernie"

April 16, 1963 - May 09, 2011

In Her life, she now joins her:

Beloved Mother †Matilde SanNicolas Sablan Naputi
Francisco Arriola
Gregorio T. and Juliana "Ninai" A. Arriola

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

Husband: Steven Sanchez DelaCruz
Children: Matilde Renee Naputi DelaCruz
Steven Naputi DelaCruz Jr. and
Jeri May C. Tudela (Henele Joaquin)
Parents: Jose Hocog and Hinara Ada Naputi
Parents In Law: Gregorio Castro and Bernadita Sanchez DelaCruz
She will be greatly missed by her Brothers, Sisters, and In-Laws:
Maggie Sablan Naputi and Ernie Tengadik (Valerie)
Mariano Sablan Naputi
Joseph Sablan Naputi
Augustin Sablan Naputi and Melinda (Randy & Kimberly, Augustin Jr., Matilde, Atanacio, †Angel)
Maryann Naputi Yamada and Poland (Bo, Rosemary, Jose)
Denita Sablan Naputi / Albert Cepeda (Marjolyn, Blaren, Larry Joe, Joey)
Martin Sablan Naputi and Erlinda (Marlyn, Maelyn, Jose)
Francisco "Pako" Sablan Naputi and Rose Reyes (Kaisha, Brandon, Quianny)
Jolene Ada Naputi
Jowel Ada Naputi and Mayumi Nakazato (T.J.)
Jasen Ada (J.R., R.J., A.J.)
Jonathan Ada and Joicelyn (Jonalyn, T.J.)
Gregorio Jr. S. DelaCruz and Jean (Brad, Gina, Corraine, Kyle, Kianna)
Martina S. DelaCruz and Valentine Cabrera (Naomi, Serena, Carmen)
Norman S. DelaCruz and Annie (Adilene)
Martin S. DelaCruz and Evangeline Sablan (Bernice, Martin Jr., Esteban)
Jeffrey S. DelaCruz
Jennifer S. DelaCruz and William Salas (Jenelle, Justin, Jayda)
Anabelle C. Frohman and Robert (Brianne, Robert William)
Rose C. Manalo and Jeffrey (Hope, Gregory, Angel, Isabella)
Carmen C. Taisacan and Jonathan (Carmen, Joleo, Pelene)

†Bernie will be reunited with her grandparent's and those who once lovingly shared special moments with family

Jose SanNicolas Sablan
Rosa SanNicolas Sablan

Enrique Ogo Naputi
Sarah Hocog Naputi

Antonio Borja DelaCruz
Dolores Castro DelaCruz

Justo Sanchez
Carmen Elameto
Gabriel M. Norita



Mass Of Intention is being celebrated every morning at Kristo Rai Church at 6:00am and Holy Rosary is being recited each evening at 8:00pm. Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2011. Her remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel to Kristo Rai Church at 7:30am. Responso Service will be at 8:00am followed by Holy Rosary. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30am. followed by Interment Service at Mt. Carmel Cemetery where she will be at a peaceful rest.

Please Join Us In Prayers
Thank You and Si Yu'us Maase

Steven S. DelaCruz, Children and Family
Jose H. and Hinara A. Naputi, Children and Family
Gregorio C. and Bernadita S. DelaCruz, Children and Family
Family of the late †Francisco Arriola

Science & Technology

Google-powered laptops to go on sale June 15

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The first laptops running on a Google-designed software system will go on sale in the U.S. and six other countries next month.

The June 15 release date announced Wednesday means the lightweight laptops will hit the market nearly two years after

Google Inc. began working on an operating system based on its Chrome Web browser.

Since then, Apple Inc.'s iPad and other tablet computers have become hot sellers. The growing popularity of tablets has raised questions about how interested consumers will be interested in

buying Google-powered laptops specifically tailored for Web surfing.

Samsung Electronics Co. and Acer Inc. are making the first Chromebooks. They will sell for \$349 to \$499 at Best Buy and Amazon.com Inc. in the U.S. The cheapest iPad

sells for \$499.

Acer's Chromebook, at \$349, will have an 11.6-inch screen display and up to six hours of battery life. Samsung's version, selling for \$429 to \$499, will have a 12.1-inch screen and up to 8.5 hours of battery life. Both models will have keyboards, but

no hard drives for storage. The machines will be like computer terminals dependent on a connection to the Internet. The laptops come with 16 gigabytes of flash memory—the kind found in smartphones, tablet computers and some iPods. They have slots to plug in other storages

device you buy separately.

The Chromebooks also will be sold in Britain, France, Germany, Netherlands, Italy and Spain.

In an effort to get people to use Chromebooks, Google is offering three-year subscription plans to businesses and schools similar to how the mobile phone industry subsidizes devices up front and make the money back over the life of a service contract.

STUMP THE GEEKS

The amazing shrinking browser window

By ANNE KRISHNAN
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

QUESTION: Every time I open a new Explorer window,

it is only half-size and I have to maximize it. Can you tell me how to fix it?—K.K.

ANSWER: I answered a question like this in one of my

first Stump the Geeks columns almost five years ago, and it's a problem that continues to trouble people today.

While it seems like a straight-

forward issue, geeks propose a number of solutions on tech support message boards online.

I'll suggest a few tips here; if at first you don't succeed, try, try again.

Always make sure the window is maximized when you exit Internet Explorer. If it opens mini-

mized, maximize the window, exit, and then open it again.

Open only one Internet Explorer window. Right-click on the upper bar of the window and select "maximize." Then go to the "file"

menu and choose "exit."

Open IE and size the window to your liking. Then hold down CTRL while clicking the X to close the program. This will set the IE window to open at this setting.

Open IE. Hold down CTRL + Shift + ALT on the keyboard while you use the mouse to drag the window to the size you want it. While still holding down CTRL + Shift + ALT, click the X in the upper right of the window to close it.

For IE 8 only: Right-click on the desktop icon for Internet Explorer.

Click "Properties." On the "Shortcut" tab beside "Run," you'll see a drop-down menu. The default entry is "Normal window." Select "Maximized" instead. Click "Apply" and then "OK."

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Think you can stump the geeks? Send your high-tech question to stumpthegeeks@newsobserver.com. Please include your name, address and daytime phone number. Individual replies are not given.



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Department of Community and Cultural Affairs

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Public Hearing for the Child Care and Development Fund State Plan

Every two years, the federal government requires states, territories, and tribes that receive funds through the federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) to prepare and submit a plan detailing how these funds will be allocated and expended. The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs has been designated to be the lead agency that is responsible for administering the CCDF in the CNMI, and therefore, is required to submit the CCDF State Plan.

Copies of the draft state plan are available through the CNMI Governor's website at www.gov.mp, the DCCA Child Care Program Office, Building 1347 Ascension Ct., Capital Hill, Saipan and at the DCCA Offices in Tinian and Rota. The final plan must be submitted to the federal government on July 1, 2011.

Public Hearing Process

As part of the State Plan preparation process, federal law requires the lead agency to convene a public hearing to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the provision of child care services and quality improvement activities under the Plan before it is submitted to the federal government.

The Public Hearing for the CNMI Child Care and Development Fund State Plan October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2013 is scheduled for the following islands:

Saipan: Wednesday, June 1, 2011, 6:00p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Hall

Tinian: Thursday, June 2, 2011, 6:00pm venue: TBD

Rota: Monday, June 6, 2011, 6:00p.m. at the Rota Round House.

The public hearing is an opportunity for the CNMI community to provide comments on specific items contained in the proposed plan. When making a comment please reference the section, number, heading, and page number. Comments that do not reference specific sections in the Plan may not be considered or reviewed. This hearing is also an opportunity for the general public to indicate support, opposition, suggested changes, additions, or deleting pertaining to specific items. The lead agency requests for the general public to offer constructive solutions in the statements.

How to submit written comments or testimony:

All written comments or testimonies will be accepted by mail, hand delivery, or email. The DCCA Child Care Program will accept written comments until Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at 12:00p.m.

Via e-mail: mlof65@gmail.com, or msdlosteg@gmail.com

Via mail: addressed to Melvin L.O. Faisao, DCCA Secretary, Caller Box 10007 Saipan, MP 96950

Hand Delivery: addressed to Melvin L.O. Faisao, DCCA Secretary, Bldg. No. 1347 Ascension Ct. Capital Hill, Saipan MP 96950

The purpose of the Federal Child Care and Development Fund is to increase the availability, affordability, and quality of early care and education services. Your comments and suggestions will help ensure that the CCDF State Plan being proposed will fulfill this purpose.

If you have any questions regarding the CCDF State Plan Public Hearings, please contact, Maribel Loste, CCDF Program Director, by Phone at 670-664-2575, or by e-mail at msdlosteg@gmail.com

Approved for posting and distribution:

Melvin L.O. Faisao, DCCA Secretary

May 9, 2011

Maydeline Dela Cruz Vidal /
Joe Hill Law Office
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN
MARIANA ISLANDS

Maydeline D. Vidal Petitioner, vs. Joseph V. Jabonete Respondent.	FCD Civil Action No. 10-0458 SUMMONS
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TO: Joseph V. Jabonete

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is given to you herewith, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Joe Hill Law Office whose address is P.O. Box 500917, Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 30th day of August, 2010.

/s/ Clerk of Court

Robert Tenorio Torres
Attorney at Law
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Saipan, MP 96950
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Attorney for Plaintiff

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff,	Civil Action No. 11-0071 CV
vs.	AMENDED SUMMONS
NESTOR E. ESMAN, Defendant.	

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT
NESTOR E. ESMAN:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to file any answer you wish to make to the COMPLAINT within twenty (20) days after service of this AMENDED SUMMONS upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, or as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of court of the above-entitled Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Office of the Clerk of Court, CNMI Superior Court, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950-0307. It may be prepared and signed for you by your attorney and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or by mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this AMENDED SUMMONS, judgment by default pursuant to the court rules of the above-entitled Court may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

SO ORDERED on this 14th day of April, 2011.

/s/ CLERK OF COURT

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN
MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Appointment of General Guardians for	FCD-GU-CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0160-FCD
RONA LEMFISCH TAISAKAN OGUMORO, [d.o.b. 08/17/1995]	NOTICE OF HEARING
A Minor Child	

Please take notice that the above stated matter shall come on for hearing on the 2nd day of June, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at the Commonwealth Superior Court, Guma' Hustisia, Susupe, Saipan on the petition of Loma Ilap Ogumoro Igenoe for her appointment as general guardian for the minor child, Rona Lemfisch Taisakan Ogumoro, d.o.b. 08/17/1995. Those wishing to be heard on this matter, please contact Richard W. Pierce, at the law office of Richard W. Pierce, or appear at the Commonwealth Court at the above-stated date and time.

DATED, this 21st day of April, 2011.

/s/ Bernadita A. Sablan
Clerk of Court

Off the Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Ill. man who kept alligator to woo women charged

FORD HEIGHTS, Ill. (AP)—A suburban Chicago man thought he had the perfect chick magnet in his pet alligator. Authorities only saw a dangerous animal. A charge of possession of a dangerous animal has been filed against 43-year-old Dewayne Yarbrough of Ford Heights, who claims he kept the four-foot alligator to impress women. Yarbrough told Cook County sheriff's investigators he kept the alligator in a small tank and fed it only 10 live mice a month to keep it from growing too large. He said he bought the gator five years ago in Indiana for \$200. Animal control investigators did not say how they learned of the alligator, which they found in Yarbrough's kitchen. The alligator was taken Thursday to the Animal Welfare League and will be given to the Chicago Herpetological Society.

Mountain of tires mysteriously appears in Conn.

NORWICH, Conn. (AP)—Officials in Connecticut are spinning their wheels trying to figure out who dumped as many as 2,500 tires on city property behind a restaurant. Blight Control Officer Edward Martin says the mountain of tires in Norwich was first noticed by restaurant workers on Tuesday morning. The shift that left the night before didn't remember seeing them. Some were used, marked "no good" with X's marking holes, while others appeared to be new, with the labels still attached. There were multiple brands. Police went to local tire dealers, but they all said they pay a contractor to haul away their old tires. Police are hoping video surveillance from nearby businesses yields some clues. Mayor Peter Nystrom says he's disgusted and vowed to prosecute the dumper.

Tenacious dog escapes Oregon veterinarian office

MEDFORD, Ore. (AP)—After three late-night escape attempts from an Oregon veterinarian's office, a German shepherd named Jack finally made it. The Medford Mail Tribune reports the crafty canine managed to pull open his kennel, trip the dead bolt on the clinic's back door and pull down the handle to get outside. He set off three motion-detector alarms on the way and managed to rip open four bags of food. The dog roamed seven miles from the vet's office, but only made it home when animal control officers took him to a shelter where he was reunited with his worried family. A veterinarian calls the dog's recovery from flulike symptoms "impressive."

iPhone GPS aids in capture of car theft suspect

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP)—Police say an iPhone left in a stolen truck is how officers were able to capture a burglar suspected of multiple auto break-ins in Colorado Springs. Officials at the El Paso County Sheriff's office said 29-year-old Joshua Mitzelfelt allegedly stole a truck left unattended and running in a driveway Tuesday morning. The owner's iPhone was on the front seat. The truck's owner began tracking his vehicle's location through a website monitoring the phone's GPS application while updating sheriff dispatchers. Officers spotted the truck about seven miles from the owner's residence and arrested the driver. Police were able to link items found in the vehicle to other burglaries in the area. Mitzelfelt has been charged with possession of a controlled substance, second degree aggravated motor vehicle theft and first degree burglary.

Britain's Downing Street admits using bogus names

LONDON (AP)—If you get a letter from Britain's No. 10 Downing Street, don't bother with a personalized response. The person who signed it probably used a fake name. For years, staff at the British prime minister's office have been using bogus names in their correspondence with members of the public, Downing Street acknowledged in a statement Wednesday. It said that use of pseudonyms was introduced in 2005, after an official was tracked down by a constituent she'd been in contact with and threatened at her home address. But the practice didn't become known until a long-serving member of Parliament, Gerald Kaufman, told fellow lawmakers in the House of Commons that he'd received a message from a certain "Mrs. E. Adams" in Downing Street's direct communications unit. When Kaufman tried to get in touch with Adams, he was at first told that she didn't speak on the phone. Eventually, he was told she didn't exist.

Hershey, sheriff hopeful spar over campaign signs

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP)—Candy-maker Hershey says a Pennsylvania sheriff candidate's campaign signs are a tasty case of trademark violation. The chocolate company says Lancaster County sheriff candidate Mark Reese lifted the font for his campaign signs from the company's Reese's candy logo. Hershey says that's a violation of its copyright. A campaign spokesman says The Hershey Co. agreed to let Reese continue to use the campaign materials already made for the upcoming primary. If Reese wins, however, the campaign will change its font. Hershey spokesman Kirk Saville tells the Intelligencer Journal/Lancaster New Era that the candy company doesn't endorse political candidates. The company is based in the town of Hershey in neighboring Dauphin County. Reese is squaring off against state narcotics agent Louie Rodriguez in Tuesday's Republican primary.

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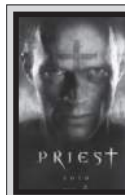
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Priest

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Paul Bettany, Cam Gigandet
Horror, Western • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

Paul Bettany re-teams with Legion director Scott Stewart for this Screen Gems adaptation of the TokyoPop comic. In the film, a priest (Bettany) heads up a team with a sheriff (Cam Gigandet) and a warrior priestess (Maggie Q) to hunt down a vampiric tribe in an attempt to track down his kidnapped niece. True Blood's Stephen Moyer co-stars with 90210's Lily Collins.



Bridesmaids

Friday 4:00 7:00 9:30
Saturday & Sunday 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:30
Mon thru Thurs 4:00 7:00

Kristen Wiig, Maya Rudolph
Comedy drama • Rated R

Synopsis

Director Paul Feig and producer Judd Apatow team with co-writers Kristen Wiig and Annie Mumolo for this comedy about a devoted maid of honor whose life falls into ruin as she plans her best friend's dream wedding. Upon hearing the news that Lillian (Maya Rudolph) has gotten engaged, ecstatic Annie (Wiig) leaps at the chance to plan the perfect wedding.



Thor

Friday 4:05 7:05 9:45
Saturday & Sunday 1:05 4:05 7:05
Mon thru Thurs 4:05 7:05

Chris Hemsworth, Natalie Portman
Action • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

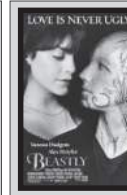
As the son of Odin (Anthony Hopkins), the king of the Norse gods, Thor (Chris Hemsworth) is soon to inherit the throne of Asgard from his aging father. However, on the day that he is to be crowned, Thor reacts with brutality when the gods' enemies, the Frost Giants, enter the palace in violation of their treaty. As punishment, Odin banishes Thor to Earth. While Loki (Tom Hiddleston), Thor's brother, plots mischief in Asgard, Thor, now stripped of his powers, faces his greatest threat yet.



Something Borrowed

Friday 4:25 7:25 9:40
Saturday & Sunday 1:25 4:25 7:25
Mon thru Thurs 4:25 7:25

Kate Hudson, Ginnifer Goodwin
Comedy drama • Rated PG 13



Beastly

Friday 4:30 7:30 9:55
Saturday & Sunday 1:30 4:30 7:30
Mon thru Thurs 4:30 7:30

Alex Pettyfer, Vanessa Hudgens
Fantasy • Rated PG 13



Fast Five

Friday 4:15 7:15 10:00
Saturday & Sunday 1:15 4:15 7:15
Mon thru Thurs 4:15 7:15

Vin Diesel, Paul Walker
Action • Rated PG 13



Rio

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP11-DPW/ED-085

SUBMISSION DATE: JUNE 09, 2011 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

"FINANCIAL GRADE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AUDIT, ASSESSMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION UTILIZING AN ENERGY SAVINGS PERFORMANCE CONTRACT"

THE COMPLETE SCOPE OF WORK WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OR AFTER **MAY 06, 2011** AT THE OFFICE OF THE CNMI ARRA STATE LEAD, THIRD (3RD) FLOOR, MARIANAS BUSINESS PLAZA #315, SUSUPE, SAIPAN OR REQUESTED VIA EMAIL TO cuc_energy_efficiency@recovery.gov.mp DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

A **MANDATORY PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE** IS SCHEDULED FOR **10:00 A.M., LOCAL TIME, MAY 24, 2011** AT THE COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION CONFERENCE ROOM.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING VIA E-MAIL TO ALFREDA CAMACHO, OFFICE OF THE CNMI ARRA STATE LEAD AT alfreda.camacho@recovery.gov.mp OR FAXED TO (670) 234-3016 NO LATER THAN **5:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME, MAY 27, 2011**.

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/S/ **MARTIN C. SABLAN**
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AMENDED PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
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(AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009)

Program Year	Activity No.	Activity Type	Activity Name	Activity Status	Reprogram from	Reprogram to
2009	412	Public Facilities	Grotto Bathrooms Infrastructure Improvement	Completed	\$7,579.00	
2009	413	Public Facilities	Tinian Infiltration System Infrastructure Improvement	Completed	\$80,083.00	
2009	411	Public Facilities	Chalan Kanoa Kios Ku Public Facility	Ongoing		\$87,662.00
Total					\$87,662.00	\$87,662.00

The public is invited to provide written and oral comments on the proposed reprogramming. Written comments will be accepted no later than 4:30 p.m., June 4, 2011 at the main office in Garapan, Post Office Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950. Oral comments may be relayed to Jeannie P. Mafnas at telephone number (670) 234-7670, 6866, 7689, or 9447. Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations to submit comments may also contact Jeannie P. Mafnas at the telephone numbers above for assistance.

/s/ **Marcie M. Tomokane**
Chairwoman

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Life & Style

Lady Gaga brings drama to 'American Idol'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Lady Gaga turned up the heat on "American Idol."

The eccentric pop superstar pushed the Fox singing competition's top four finalists to add theatrics to their Wednesday performances of Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller songs. Her advice that Scotty McCreery should pretend that the microphone is his girlfriend prompted the deep-voiced 17-year-old country crooner to kiss the cross around his neck.

"You've got to get right in the center of that hot dog," she advised the conservative singer.

Lady Gaga's steamy direc-

tion didn't seem to deter McCreery, who impressed the judges with both his rollicking take on The Coasters' "Young Blood" and heartfelt rendition of Alan Jackson's "Where Were You (When the World Stopped Turning)" during the beginning of Wednesday's episode when the finalists were tasked with performing inspirational tunes.

"You're ready for superstardom, and I hope you make it," Randy Jackson told McCreery afterward.

Lauren Alaina also seemed poised for greatness with her inspirational ballad of Martina McBride's "Anyway," but she

wasn't ready to proclaim that she was "evil," as noted in the lyrics to Elvis Presley's "Trouble," until she received some motivation from Lady Gaga, who directed the 16-year-old singer from Rossville, Ga., to sing the ditty in character.

"When I was 16, I was way too weird to be on 'American Idol,'" Lady Gaga admitted.

The result was apparently delicious, with Steven Tyler noting that Alaina "delivers a song like a blue plate special." Haley Reinhart, the 20-year-old vocalist from Wheeling, Ill., wasn't quite as yummy. The judges bickered about her inter-

pretation of Michael Jackson's "Earth Song." Tyler was a fan, but Jackson and Jennifer Lopez didn't eat it up.

"I felt like you were just screaming," Jackson said over a chorus of boos from the crowd.

Reinhart returned with a vengeance—and a string orchestra—with Ben E. King's "I (Who Have Nothing)." Lady Gaga directed her to let out a dramatic exhale in the middle of the song. The judges were floored. Jackson dubbed it "her moment" of the night, and Tyler informed her that she "just Reinharted yourself into the middle of next week."

"That was amazing," said Lopez. "One of the best performances of the year."

James Durbin, the wailing 22-year-old rocker from Santa Cruz, Calif., opened the show clad in tails with Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'" and closed it down with a metal-tinged take on The Clovers' "Love Potion No. 9." Jackson, who formerly played bass with Journey, said Durbin was "paying homage to my friends," and Tyler attested that he "did it right."

Lindsay Lohan says she's glad theft case resolved

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A lawyer entered a no contest plea Wednesday for Lindsay Lohan in the theft of a necklace, setting the stage for a summer of confinement, counseling and community service.

Defense attorney Shawn Holley made the plea for the actress, who did not appear in court in the misdemeanor case involving a \$2,500 necklace taken from an upscale shop in the Venice area of Los Angeles.

Lohan, 24, did not acknowledge guilt through the plea, but the court will log the case as a conviction.

She said later in the day in a written statement that she was glad to put the case behind her and has already started her 300 hours of community service at a shelter for women.

"I hope to be able to fulfill my obligation without any press attention," Lohan said. "I think the media spotlight should be on issues such as homelessness and domestic violence instead of on me."

Lohan did not have to attend the hearing because she was facing a misdemeanor charge.

Wife loses sight of her future after husband admits he's gay

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



DEAR ABBY: I recently learned that my husband of 35 years is gay. I never suspected and I am stunned. I have loved him since we met. I still do. I have never been interested in anyone else. We have three children and eight grandchildren who all adore him.

I learned his secret from an email he left on the computer screen. It took a few days, but I confronted him and he told me everything. He has been with men since before our marriage. He assured me he has never done anything that could have caused me to get a disease. I went for an examination and I'm fine.

I'm lost about what my next step should be. I'm in my late 50s. Starting over isn't something I ever considered. I'm seeing a therapist who suggested it might be simpler to consider myself a widow. I have no interest in having sex with my husband again, but being apart from him terrifies me. I feel like I'm in prison. Have you any suggestions?

HELPLESS IN MIAMI

DEAR HELPLESS: You are not "in prison" and you're not "helpless." You're probably in shock, knowing your husband deceived you from the time you met him. That's understandable. My advice is to do NOTHING until you regain some sense of balance.

Finding that email was no accident. Consciously or unconsciously, your husband wanted you to see it. That you no longer want to have sex with him isn't surprising. Some things to consider: Does he still want to have sex with you? How do you feel about having sex with anyone? Is your husband involved with more than one person or just one? And does HE want to stay married?

Some women (and men) remain married to their bisexual spouse. Others marry people they know are gay. I do not agree with your therapist that you should "consider yourself a widow," unless you want to be married to the living dead.

Before making any decision about your future, you should contact the Straight Spouse Network. It's a confidential support network of current or former heterosexual spouses or partners of gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender mates. It helps straight spouses or partners cope constructively with the coming-out crisis and assists mixed-orientation couples and their children to build bridges of understanding. The phone number is (201) 825-7763 and the website is www.StraightSpouse.org. I wish you luck on your journey.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a 19-year-old woman. When I was 4, my mom went to prison for eight years. It turned her life around. At 38, she now has a college degree, a loving husband, a good job and a new home.

My two younger sisters say they don't want to be part of Mom's life, but they never fail to call her at holiday and birthday time to pick up the gifts they know she has bought them. Afterward, they don't contact her or answer her calls and texts until the next holiday. It leaves Mom depressed and feeling used. I have tried telling them they're wrong, but they don't listen. They say I'm wrong for getting in their business. Is it wrong to want my mother to be happy?

DAUGHTER ON THE OUTSIDE

DEAR DAUGHTER: I don't blame your mother for feeling depressed and used. Your two younger sisters are manipulative, selfish and self-centered. However, your mother is enabling them to behave that way. Talk to her and suggest family counseling. She may be giving and giving out of guilt, they may be taking and taking in order to punish her, and that's not healthy for any of them.

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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Hugh Grant weighed as Charlie Sheen TV replacement

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Hugh Grant has been weighing a big move: replacing the fired Charlie Sheen on CBS' "Two and a Half Men."

A person familiar with the situation said Wednesday the British film actor was in negotiations to join the sitcom as its new leading man. The person, speaking on condition of anonymity because producer Warner Bros. and CBS hadn't authorized public comment, said the talks had stalled without resolution.

But it was unclear whether Grant's hiring was a closed issue, the person said. Reports that Grant had been offered \$1 million-plus an episode were inaccurate, the person said, adding any Sheen replacement would be paid less than that.

Sheen was among TV's highest-paid actors at a reported \$1.8 million an episode.

Grant's publicist did not immediately return a call for comment. The actor, who became a star in romantic comedies including "Four Weddings and a Funeral" and "Notting Hill," hasn't appeared in a box-office hit for several years.

Warner, CBS and executive producer Chuck Lorre are attempting to find a new star and revamped format that would keep TV's top-rated and highly lucrative sitcom afloat without Sheen. With CBS set to unveil its fall schedule for advertisers in New York next Wednesday, the pressure is on to decide the show's future.

Speculation has swirled about who might join Jon Cryer and Angus T. Jones in the cast. Some actors seen as potential candidates, including John Stamos and Rob Lowe, have indicated their interests are elsewhere.

It's been more than two



AP
In this May 9, 2011 file photo, British actor Hugh Grant poses for the photographers as he arrives for the European premiere of the "Fire in Babylon" film in central London.

months since Warner fired Sheen in the show's eighth season, a move that followed the hard-living actor's bouts of wild partying, repeated hospitalizations and a bitter media campaign against his studio bosses who shut down production.

Evangelist Graham, 92, hospitalized with pneumonia

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP)—Evangelist Billy Graham was alert and resting comfortably Wednesday evening after being admitted to an Asheville, N.C. hospital for the treatment of pneumonia, doctors said.

The 92-year-old Graham arrived Wednesday morning at Mission Hospital after he suffered a health episode overnight that included sweating, coughing and breathing difficulty, Graham spokesman A. Larry Ross told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "But he was never in distress or an acute situation," Ross said.

"Throughout his stay, he had remained alert and in good spirits and with his humor intact," Ross said. "He signed his own admission papers."

Testing suggested he was suffering from pneumonia, and diagnostic tests showed his heart was normal.

Dr. Shaw Henderson, a pulmonologist, said Graham was being treated with antibiotics and was "clinically stable," according to a statement from the hospital.

Graham's primary physician, Dr. Lucien Rice, said in the statement that no date had been set for Graham's release, but that he "is resting comfortably and is fully alert."

Age-related conditions such as macular degeneration and hearing loss have kept Graham at his home in Montreat in western North Carolina in recent years, Ross said. But he said Graham has remained in good health overall.

Franklin Graham, who heads relief agency Samaritan's Purse, along with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, is in

North Korea through the end of the week, spokesman Todd Shearer told the AP. He's monitoring his father's health but doesn't plan to return home early at this point, Shearer said.

For six decades, Graham led a worldwide crusade-based ministry that packed stadiums with believers and allowed him to counsel every U.S. president since Harry Truman.

Graham rarely appears in public now, but he did come out in December for a visit from former President George W. Bush at Graham's namesake library in Charlotte. Graham, who was in a wheelchair, hugged Bush before leaving the former president and former first lady Laura Bush in the library book store for a book signing.



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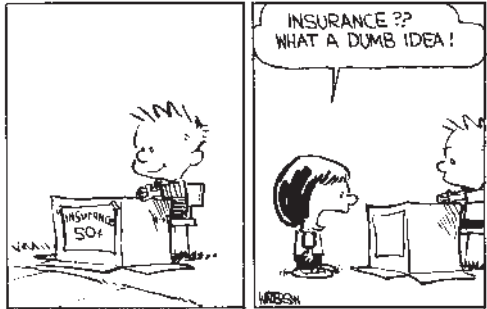
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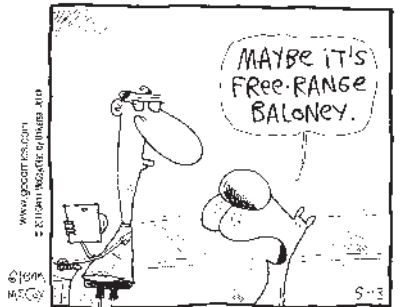
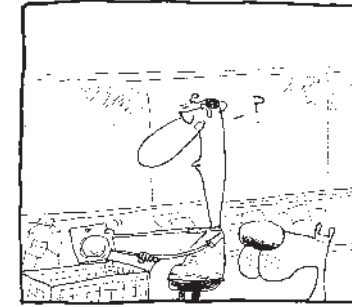


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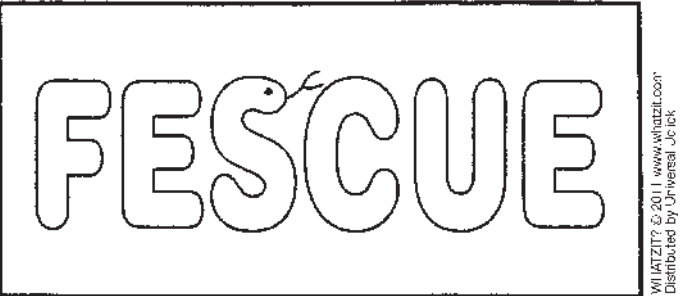
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East finals bound: Miami ousts Boston



MIAMI (AP)—For LeBron James, Game 5 last season against Boston was horrific.

A year later, Game 5 was humbling.

And he and the Miami Heat are halfway to an NBA championship, having finally found a way to vanquish the Celtics.

Dwyane Wade scored 34 points, James added 33—including the game's last 10 in a spectacular closing flourish, part of Miami's 16-0 run over the final 4:15—and the Heat beat the Celtics 97-87 on Wednesday night to win their Eastern Conference semifinal series in five games.

When it was over, James knelt on the court, oblivious to the photographers who quickly surrounded him in Miami's celebration.

"Everything went through my mind at that point," James said. "Finally getting over this hump against this team. Everything I went through this summer, with 'The Decision' and deciding to come down here to be a part of this team ... because I knew how important team is to this sport ... and all the backlash I got from it."

"I'd be up here for two hours if I tell you exactly everything that went through my head. Very emotional at that point, you know, and happy we got through it as a team."

That they did—as a team.

James Jones hit a 3-pointer that kickstarted the final push, and Chris Bosh finished with 14 points—none of them more important than the two coming when he blew past Kevin Garnett for a game-tying dunk with 2:57 left.

Wade carried Miami early, then James finished the job. His personal 10-0 run to close the game put some long-simmering Celtics demons to rest.

"I play with the two best players in the league," Bosh said. "And we do this together."

True, this was about the collective.

And in the end, for James, it was also personal. The Boston series a year ago was painful for him, as was the summer—and the fallout—that followed after he left Cleveland.

"I apologize for the way it happened," James said. "But I knew that this opportunity was once in a lifetime."

Ray Allen led Boston with 18 points. Garnett had 15 points and 11 rebounds, Paul Pierce scored 12 and Delonte West added 10.

"Right now, I am really upset," Pierce said. "I wish I could have played better tonight. Unfortunately we came up on the short end of the stick. I tip my hat off to Miami. They really played great basketball."

Rajon Rondo finished with six points in 31 minutes for Boston, playing with what appeared to be a slimmer brace over the still-painful left elbow that he dislocated during Game 3.



Miami Heat's Dwyane Wade, right, goes up for a shot against Boston Celtics' Kevin Garnett during the first half of Game 5 of a second-round NBA playoff basketball series, Wednesday, May 11, 2011 in Miami.

"I know we gave a lot in Game 3," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. "And I don't know if we could ever get that effort back."

The Celtics got one measure of a victory Wednesday night: Ending months of speculation, Rivers said he will likely return to coach next season.

"I'm a Celtic," Rivers said. "And I love our guys. I want to win again here. I'm competitive as hell, I have a competitive group. So we'll see. That's where I'm at today. Tomorrow I may change my mind."

Exactly one year earlier, James was maligned in Cleveland when the Cavaliers were embarrassed by the Celtics, 120-88 in Game 5 of that East semifinal series. Boston won in six games, the finale of that matchup being James' last game with the franchise that drafted him No. 1 overall in 2003.

He wound up in Miami, alongside Wade and Bosh, aiming to chase a title.

Eight wins down, eight wins to go.

Next up for the Heat is the East finals against either Chicago or Atlanta, a series that may begin as early as Sunday. Chicago leads 3-2 with Game 6 on Thursday.

"When you're playing this game, and you have another guy over there doing the things and as capable as LeBron, not only am I a fan on the court, but it makes the game easier," Wade said. "Obvi-

ously."

Obviously.

James put Miami up for good with a 3-pointer with 2:10 remaining, then added a game-sealing—more aptly, a series-sealing—3 with 40.4 seconds left, then turned and posed for some fans who screamed in delight.

"They make you fight for everything," James said. "You can never take the foot off the gas. You can never take a second off against that team."

So he kept playing, all the way to the final second.

A steal and two-handed slam 6 seconds later for good measure, followed by a Celtics turnover, got the party started. It was over, the Heat and Celtics knew it, and Rivers stood silently near the bench, his arms folded across his chest as James ran down the clock on Miami's final offensive possession of the series.

Of course, he scored.

Boston was done, thoroughly worn down by a younger, more athletic opponent. The Celtics won the first three meetings between the clubs this season, then lost five of the final six.

"It was a series that all of us wanted, really since training camp," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said.

Wade was knocked over into some courtside seats trying to snare the final rebound, but that only prolonged the moment.

James knelt in prayer for several seconds, then ran over to wrap Wade in a long embrace as the fans screamed loudly.

"D-Wade, he made it real difficult," Celtics forward Glen Davis said. "He came through. He carried the team. He willed them to win. He carried them just long enough for LeBron to knock us out."

The Heat said often in this series, Boston laid the plan for what Miami needed to ultimately do to become champions.

James said it again when it was over Wednesday night.

"It's a great team," James said of Boston in the on-court celebration. "Like I said, I got the utmost respect for that team. They're the reason why all three of us came together, is because of what they did, that blueprint they had in '08 when they all came together. So it's a great team win and get ready for our next opponent."

It's Miami's fourth trip to the East finals, its first since 2006.

Wade had 30 points through three quarters. James added 20, while the rest of the Heat managed only 21 and they were down 73-71.

And when everyone went cold to open the fourth, Boston seized a bit of control. West scored six of the Celtics' first eight points in the final quarter, the last of those coming on a drive with 9:21 left for an 81-74 lead.

Thunder 99, Grizzlies 72

At Oklahoma City, Kevin Durant's work was done early.

After three quarters. Not three overtimes.

Instead of hunting down key shots, he was tracking down a T-shirt from the stands and reveling in the Oklahoma City Thunder's blowout of the Memphis Grizzlies that gave them their first series lead in the Western Conference semifinals.

The Thunder lead 3-2 heading into Game 6 on Friday night in Memphis. They got there with ease considering what happened in a triple-overtime thriller two nights earlier.

"There was no fatigue factor for us. ... I thought our guys came in with focus," Oklahoma City coach Scott Brooks said. "You beat good teams by really executing very well and with good effort, and we did both of them tonight."

After squandering a 16-point lead in the second half and losing Game 3 in overtime, the Thunder blew a 10-point lead in the fourth quarter before winning Game 4 in three overtimes on Monday night.

This time, it was all over well before the final buzzer.

"Going through that kind of loss molds our character, I think, and brings us closer together," Durant said. "Losing Game 3 the way we did and winning Game 4 the way we did, it kind of showed what type of team we are, what type of courage and heart we have."

Marc Gasol had 16 points to lead Memphis, which didn't have much left after such a draining loss on their home court.

The Grizzlies shot a season-worst 36 percent, matched their lowest point total from the regular season and never put up much of a fight in the second half.

"Shots weren't falling for us but you still have to come with great effort and we didn't bring it at all," guard Mike Conley said. "They outplayed us in every area of the game. I wish I could tell you why. It just wasn't there."

"They hit us and kept hitting us and we didn't fight back."

They were far enough behind that Durant and fellow All-Star Russell Westbrook didn't even have to play in the fourth quarter.

By the end, Durant was wearing one of the same white Thunder T-shirts as the sellout crowd and was standing on the sidelines directing the lineup of reserves that got to play in garbage time.

"It's always better for the home team in these situations, and the team that won the game," Grizzlies coach Lionel Hollins said. "Not only were we physically down, we were probably down a little bit mentally, but I'm not making excuses for our group."

"We didn't play very well. We didn't shoot the ball very well. We missed a ton of layups."

After a classic Game 4, when the Thunder had chances to win

at the end of regulation and each of the first two overtimes, Brooks said it was like "three wins in one."

It may have won them at least two.

The Grizzlies were a ragged bunch throughout the game after losing the triple-overtime thriller 133-123 on their home court and can only hope to get re-energized by returning to the FedEx Forum with their season on the line Friday night.

"I don't think we'll have a problem getting up for this one," Conley said. "We got embarrassed tonight."

Zach Randolph, who played 56 minutes in the marathon Game 4, never was effective for Memphis. He finished with nine points and seven rebounds, and even missed four of his first five free throws. He had been averaging 26 points and 14 rebounds in the series.

Gasol, his partner in the potent frontcourt that powered Memphis to a win in Oklahoma City in Game 1, did most of his damage during a 6-minute stretch in the third quarter.

Then the Grizzlies fell hopelessly behind.

Oklahoma City's Nick Collison capped a four-point possession by turning an offensive rebound into a three-point play. When he converted the free throw, it completed a string of seven straight points by the Thunder to bump the lead to 65-46 late in the third quarter.

Memphis didn't stand a chance of a comeback. Too many missed layups. Too many short shots that clanked off the front rim. Too little energy left.

Conley made just 4 of 16 shots, Tony Allen was 4 for 13 and O.J. Mayo 2 for 8 on a dreadful night when nothing was going in.

"We've got our backs against the wall and we've got to bounce back and come out at home swinging," Gasol said. "We have no other chance to lose another one."

"We've got to go right away and win the next game. There's no other choice."

Memphis didn't reach 50 points until there was 2:04 left in the third quarter, and the Thunder quickly squelched any hopes of yet another wild comeback after the Grizzlies had overcome double-digit deficits to force overtimes in each of the last two games.

Collison had a two-handed dunk, Cook hit a 3-pointer and Nazr Mohammed made a layup during a string of seven straight Oklahoma City points early in the fourth quarter and the lead grew to 27 before both coaches emptied their benches for the final 4 minutes.

Westbrook had 11 points in 25 minutes—half of what he played in Game 4. Mohammed added 10 points and Collison had nine points and 10 rebounds, helping the Thunder to a 50-33 edge on the boards.

Rollins' last gasp hit lifts Phillies over Marlins



M I A M I
(AP)—Jimmy Rollins hit a

two-out, two-run single in the ninth inning to lift the Philadelphia Phillies to a 5-3 win over the Florida Marlins on Wednesday in a clash of the National League's two top teams.

The Phillies fell behind 3-0, but their bats came alive late.

Shane Victorino extended his hitting streak to 14 games when he led off the eighth with a homer to tie the game 3-3. Pete Orr entered the game in the seventh and had two doubles for Philadelphia.

Dane Sardinha singled in the ninth off Leo Nunez (0-1), then took third on a double by Orr. Both scored on the single by Rollins.

Nationals 7, Braves 3, 11 innings

In Atlanta, Ian Desmond hit a tie-breaking, two-run double in the 11th and Jayson Werth followed with a two-run homer as Washington beat Atlanta.

Alex Cora had driven in two runs with a bases-loaded single in the ninth as Braves closer Craig Kimbrel blew a 3-1 lead.

Drew Storen (3-1) pitched the 10th and Tyler Clippard took over in the 11th for his first save as the Nationals improved to 5-1 in extra-innings games. Scott Linebrink (0-1) took the loss.

Cubs 11, Cardinals 4

In Chicago, the hosts delivered their biggest offensive output of the season to beat St. Louis.

Chicago scored six runs in the third after a 53-minute rain delay, added four more in the fifth and finished with 17 hits, four by Starlin Castro.

The Cardinals are 1-1 without manager Tony La Russa, who missed his second straight game as he recovers from shingles. He'll be absent for the remainder of St. Louis' six-game road trip that ends Sunday in Cincinnati.

Cubs starter Matt Garza (2-4) got his first win at Wrigley Field, allowing one run in five innings. St. Louis starter Jake Westbrook (2-3) took the loss.

Dodgers 2, Pirates 0

In Pittsburgh, Hiroki Kuroda pitched seven scoreless innings to steer Los Angeles past Pittsburgh.

Kuroda (4-3) struck out eight as the Dodgers won back-to-back games for the first time in three weeks.

Los Angeles scored its first run against Paul Maholm (1-5) on a double-play grounder in the sixth. Jerry Sands added an RBI double.

Vicente Padilla gave up a two-out double in the ninth before finishing for his third save.

Giants 4, Diamondbacks 3

In San Francisco, the home team



Philadelphia Phillies' Jimmy Rollins celebrates after hitting a two-RBI single to drive in the winning runs, as Florida Marlins' Hanley Ramirez, right, looks on during the ninth inning of a baseball game in Miami, Wednesday, May 11, 2011.

came from three runs down to edge Arizona.

Aubrey Huff hit a tying home run for the Giants, who moved four games over .500 for the first time this season.

Miguel Tejada hit a run-scoring single and then doubled with one out in the sixth to chase Diamondbacks starter Armando Galarraga (3-3).

He scored on Andre Torres' double to give San Francisco a season-high fifth straight win.

Jonathan Sanchez (3-2) allowed three runs in six innings. Brian Wilson pitched out of jam in the ninth for his 12th save. He gave up a leadoff double, then a walk before Torres caught a fly-ball against the center field wall for the final out.

Astros 4, Reds 3

In Houston, Hunter Pence hit a tiebreaking double in the ninth inning as Houston avoided a series sweep with a win over Cincinnati.

Mike Leake (3-2) walked J.R. Towles with one out in the ninth before Pence's full-count hit landed in the corner of right field and sent Towles home.

The Astros had led 3-1 before the Reds tied it with consecutive homers in the seventh inning.

Mark Melancon (3-1) picked up the win in relief.

Padres 13, Brewers 6

In Milwaukee, San Diego squan-

dered an early lead but recovered in style with an eight-run eighth inning to sink Milwaukee.

Chris Denorfia led off the game with a homer and San Diego built an early 5-0 lead, but Milwaukee rallied with Prince Fielder's 200th career homer and went ahead 6-5.

Then in the eighth, Jason Bartlett tied it with a single and Cameron Maybin doubled down the line with the bases loaded for the go-ahead run. Ryan Ludwick followed with a two-run shot that made it 11-6, and the Padres kept rolling from there.

San Diego racked up a season-high 23 hits after coming in hitting a majors-worst .219.

Chad Qualls (2-2) pitched 1 1-3 innings of relief, including getting out of a bases-loaded jam trailing 6-5 in the sixth. Kameron Loe (2-4) took the loss.

Rays 8, Indians 2

In Cleveland, the Cleveland Indians' 14-game winning streak at home was ended at the hands of David Price and the Tampa Bay Rays.

Price (5-3) was perfect for four innings, dominant for seven and became the first visiting pitcher to record a win at Cleveland in more than a month. He allowed two runs in eight innings, struck out seven and did not yield a walk.

Ben Zobrist and Matt Joyce

homered, Sam Fuld had three hits and B.J. Upton had two RBIs as the Rays roughed up Indians starter Carlos Carrasco (1-2) and won for just the third time in 22 games at Cleveland since 2005.

At 12-5, Tampa Bay has the majors' best road record.

Royals 4, Yankees 3, 11 innings

In New York, Eric Hosmer hit his first career homer then delivered the go-ahead sacrifice fly in the 11th inning to lift Kansas City over New York.

Hosmer's homer was a soaring shot into the second deck in right field in the fourth inning. Wilson Betemit had a tying RBI single in the eighth for Kansas City and Jeff Francoeur drove in a run during the 10th inning.

Royals closer Joakim Soria (3-0) allowed an equalizing RBI single in the bottom half of the 10th to blow the save but did pick up the win.

Buddy Carlyle (0-1) got the loss.

White Sox 6, Angels 4, 10 innings

In Anaheim, Chicago's Alexei Ramirez scored the tie-breaking run from third base when Los Angeles reliever Kevin Jepsen threw a wild pitch during an intentional walk in the 10th inning.

Jepsen (0-2) embarrassingly sailed a throw over the head of catcher Henk Conger, who had stood up to take the four intentional balls, and Ramirez raced home to cap the White Sox rally from a three-run deficit.

Adam Dunn, who homered among his career-high four hits, scored on Brent Lillibridge's 10th-inning sacrifice fly to add another run.

Omar Vizquel had an RBI double in the eighth and a tying sacrifice fly in the ninth for the White Sox, who stranded a season-high 15. A.J. Pierzynski had four hits and drove in a run during Chicago's ninth-inning rally.

Sergio Santos (2-0) allowed one hit over two innings to take the win. Matt Thornton pitched the 10th for his first save.

Blue Jays 9, Red Sox 3

In Toronto, John McDonald homered to help Toronto defeat Boston.

Rajai Davis had four hits for the Blue Jays, who pounded struggling Boston starter John Lackey (2-5), who lost his third straight start and matched a season-worst by allowing nine runs. He walked a season-high five and struck out only one.

Toronto's Jesse Litsch (4-2) allowing three runs in 5 2-3 innings, walking just one and striking out four.

Orioles 4, Mariners 2

In Baltimore, Chris Tillman pitched six impressive innings to guide Baltimore past Seattle.

Adam Jones went 4 for 4 with two RBIs for the Orioles. Tillman and Jones were both traded from the Mariners to Baltimore in 2008 as part of a five-player deal that sent pitcher Erik Bedard to Seattle.

Tillman (2-3) gave up one run in his first start against the Mariners, striking out five.

Seattle's Felix Hernandez (4-3) allowed seven hits in five innings.

Tigers 9, Twins 7

In Minneapolis, Detroit notched its fifth straight win by downing

Minnesota.

Brandon Inge's RBI triple off the center field wall in the ninth inning off Twins closer Matt Capps (1-2) scored Ramon Santiago.

Jonny Peralta had a pinch-hit, two-run homer in the eighth inning and Victor Martinez went 3 for 4 with a homer and three RBIs for the Tigers, extending his hitting streak to 11 games.

Joaquin Benoit (1-2) allowed one unearned run in 1 2-3 innings of relief to get the win for the Tigers.

FIFA election campaign thrown into confusion



G E N E V A
(AP)—Sudden-ly, the June 1 election to elect a leader for soccer's governing body has just one campaign theme: corruption.

Just when FIFA President Sepp Blatter hoped he had put the organization's corruption problems behind him, English claims that six members of the executive committee were involved in bribery during World Cup bidding contests have thrown his bid for a fourth term into disarray.

The 75-year-old Blatter is battling Mohammed bin Hammam of Qatar for one of the world's most influential sporting jobs.

The accusations were made in the British parliament on Monday, and FIFA fought back on Tuesday, demanding to see evidence to back up the claims against a quarter of the 24-man group that runs world soccer.

Blatter promised to resolve the crisis before the election.

"We have to do it now immediately. We have exactly three weeks to do so," Blatter said in an interview with Qatar-based network Al-Jazeera.

FIFA secretary general Jerome Valcke wrote to England's Football Association asking for a complete report plus "all documentary evidence" from David Triesman, the former leader of England's 2018 bid.

Triesman told British lawmakers that four long-standing FIFA officials—Jack Warner, Nicolas Leoz, Ricardo Teixeira and Worawi Makudi—requested bribes in the 2018 bidding.

Lawmakers were also told in a submission from The Sunday Times newspaper that Qatar paid \$1.5 million to two more FIFA officials, Issa Hayatou and Jacques Anouma, for the 2022 contest. Qatar won the vote, beating the United States in the final round.

FIFA said it has asked the newspaper for more evidence of information it received

from a whistleblower within Qatar's bid.

Valcke requested detailed evidence in order to "examine the situation thoroughly and with clear-sightedness," FIFA said.

As FIFA's top administrator, responsibility falls on Valcke to ask FIFA's ethics court to open official investigations against any of the six under suspicion.

Leoz's spokesman, Nestor Benitez, called the accusations "pure fantasy and morbid."

"The South American football confederation always said that its votes were for Spain and no other country," Benitez said.

The Qatar football federation has denied paying Hayatou, from Cameroon, and Ivory Coast's Anouma, calling the allegations "wholly unreliable."

Hayatou, the president of the Confederation of African Football, "categorically denies" the claims, the African body said Wednesday. He threatened legal action to defend his name.

Bin Hammam played a key role in delivering the 2022 World Cup to his homeland.

"FIFA is not corrupted," the Asian Football Confederation President said. "We are victims of the popularity of the game."

FIFA's most senior American delegate, Chuck Blazer, said the alleged Qatari payments were his "greatest concern" among the English claims, and he expected the newspaper to publish more details on Sunday.

"If it turns out that what they're saying is supported by fact, then I would have a lot to say on the matter," Blazer said, without elaborating on what action he would seek.

The conduct of Warner, Leoz, Teixeira and Makudi in the 2018 contest won by Russia was described as "improper and unethical" by Triesman.

Warner, a FIFA vice president from Trinidad and Tobago, dismissed Triesman's allegations, saying he "laughed like hell" when he heard them.

Bush stirs up fans with lockout posts on Twitter



NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Reggie Bush insists he was only joking when he stirred up fans with posts on his Twitter account about enjoying free time during the NFL lockout.

Bush drew critical responses from a number of his nearly 1.7 million Twitter followers when he posted: "Everybody complaining about the lockout! Shoot I'm making the most of it! Vacation, rest, relaxing, appearances here and there! I'm good!"

Bush then added in a second post moments later: "Right about now we would be slaving in 100 degree heat, practicing twice a day, while putting our bodies at risk for nothing."

The timing of the posts heightened criticism of Bush because the flashy running back has been absent from workouts organized by quarterback Drew Brees, which have drawn several dozen Saints players to Tulane's football facilities.

Brees said he organized the workouts to promote team unity and give the Saints a competitive

advantage when NFL labor strife eventually ends, but did not begrudge anyone who chose to continue working out on their own.

After some of Bush's fans were less forgiving, Bush posted another message that read: "FYI last tweet was a joke! Relax people damn it's called sense of humor! Cry me a river why don't you..."

The Twitter exchange marked the second time Bush had made waves with a post since the NFL draft. Shortly after the Saints made a first-round trade to draft Alabama running back and former Heisman Trophy winner

Mark Ingram, Bush tweeted: "It's been fun New Orleans," before later posting another message welcoming Ingram to the team.

All of the posts have come at a time when Bush's future with the Saints is unclear. Bush is heading into the final season of a contract worth about \$11.8 million for 2011, and the Saints expect him

to take a pay cut this season.

Bush initially expressed a willingness to negotiate with New Orleans in the days after the Saints were eliminated from last season's playoffs. However, he has not addressed the matter publicly in recent months, other than in his Twitter post during the draft in which he hinted he

felt his time in New Orleans was up.

Bush's comments could end up being fodder for the league during the lockout.

Attorneys on both sides of the fight have routinely used comments from the other side in their arguments.

On May 2 the NFL cited Pro Bowl players Ray Lewis and Wes Walker in suggesting some players were all too happy to have the extra time off.

Haynesworth enters not guilty plea to sex abuse

WASHINGTON (AP)—Washington Redskins defensive lineman Albert Haynesworth did not grope a waitress at a hotel bar and intends to fight the accusations, his lawyer said Tuesday in entering a not guilty plea to a misdemeanor charge of sexual abuse.

Haynesworth, who was not at his arraignment in D.C. Superior Court, is accused of sliding his credit card into the bra of a waitress and touching her breast during a birthday party at a Washington hotel in February. His lawyer said after the hearing that the accusation was false and that Haynesworth would defend himself at a trial set for July 11.

"The government's version of what happened at the W Hotel a few months back is very different from our version—and

we've got witnesses," said defense lawyer A. Scott Bolden, who said his client was currently out of town. "The one thing I can tell you is my client didn't do what he's accused of doing."

Bolden said he believed the accusation was trumped up because of Haynesworth's celebrity status and wealth. Prosecutors last month offered a plea deal in which the sexual abuse charge would be dropped in exchange for Haynesworth pleading guilty to simple assault. But Bolden rejected that offer in court Tuesday.

The sexual abuse charge carries a maximum penalty of six months in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000.

Haynesworth, 29, has had a tumultuous recent run with the

Redskins.

Haynesworth, who last season was in the second year of a seven-year, \$100 million contract, was suspended without pay for the final four games of 2010 for "conduct detrimental to the club" and feuded regularly with coach Mike Shanahan. He also skipped offseason workouts and failed to pass a conditioning test at the start of training camp.

In January, one month before the sexual abuse accusation was made, Haynesworth was accused of road rage in Fairfax County, Va., by a man who claimed he was tailgated and then assaulted by the All-Pro defensive tackle. Haynesworth is awaiting a trial in that case. Haynesworth's agent has said his client is innocent.

NFL BRIEFS

Ex-NFL QB Kordell Stewart arrested near Atlanta

ATLANTA (AP)—Authorities say former NFL quarterback and ESPN analyst Kordell Stewart has been charged with driving with a suspended license and speeding. Fulton County sheriff's spokeswoman Tracy Flanagan said Stewart was booked into jail in the Atlanta suburb of Alpharetta Wednesday and freed on \$3,000 bond about four hours later. Stewart is scheduled to appear in court July 12. It wasn't immediately known whether he has an attorney. The Louisiana native played in the NFL for 11 seasons. He played eight with the Pittsburgh Steelers from 1995 through 2002. He also played for the Chicago Bears and the Baltimore Ravens. In college, he played for Colorado. ESPN spokesman Josh Krulwitz said the network had just learned about the incident and

was looking into it.

Brett Favre: Staying retired, 'done with football'

HACKLEBURG, Ala. (AP)—Former NFL quarterback Brett Favre says he has no intention of coming out of retirement. Favre said he was "done with football" when asked Wednesday if he might attempt another comeback. Favre, a spokesman for Wrangler jeans, met with employees at a Wrangler plant that was destroyed by recent tornadoes that devastated the region. Favre signed autographs for members of the Hackleburg High School football team and Wrangler employees. Favre, who last played in the NFL with the Minnesota Vikings, couldn't escape talking football. When he first stepped out of his vehicle, he was greeted by Marion County Commission President Don Bamwell, who asked him if he was going to play football this year. As for

the NFL lockout, Favre says he doesn't know if there "would be any football" this year.

Goodell thinks NFL labor dispute could be settled

CINCINNATI (AP)—Commissioner Roger Goodell told Cincinnati Bengals season tickets holders that "not enough negotiation is going on" between the owners and players. Goodell took questions during a conference call that went more than a half-hour Wednesday. He's done similar sessions with season ticket holders of other NFL teams. The league has locked out the players in their dispute over a collective bargaining agreement. A federal appeals court has scheduled a June 3 hearing on whether the lockout should be allowed to continue. Currently, a stay is in place of an injunction that would lift the lockout and was granted by a U.S. District Court judge in Minnesota.

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Rockafella stays unbeaten in Rocball

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Rockafella kept its unbeaten record in the Marianas High School Rocball League after two

juiced-out wins last week at the MHS Gymnasium.

Rockafella first crushed YGS, 48-17 and then had a similar convincing win over G6, 48-13, for its perfect 4-0 card. Rockafella

is lone undefeated squad in the 12-squad field.

In these last two victories, Jason Limes collected the most points for Rockafella with 14, while teammate Wilton Laniyo

logged five aces for 10 points. Limes scored five aces, one xunk, and one kee to tie Rockstars' Matthew Lisua for the second most points scored last week. Lisua earned three aces,

two goals, and one kee. HTK's Jake Kapwich was the heavy hitter last week with his 17 points off five aces, two xunks, and one goal. Tyce Mister was third, firing three aces, one goal, and one kee for 11 points.

In other results, Rockstars swept Leche Dude 49-39; HTK downed, Geek 43-28; Fil'Aces thwarted Hi-5, 43-29; Alpha Q edged School House Roc in overtime, 47-43; and the Kingz beat Fil'Aces, 40-37.

Lisua led Rockstars' victory over Leche Dude, scoring twin goals. Alpha Q had the most

goals scored last week with three, helping the team stun School House Roc.

Kingz's win over Fil'Aces put the squad in second place in the team standings, as the

former improved to a 4-1 card. Alpha Q and HTK are tied for third with similar 3-1 slates, while YGS is in solo fourth spot with its even

2-1 mark. School House Roc is in fifth place with its 2-2 record, followed by Fil'Aces (2-3), Geek (1-2), Leche Dude (1-3), Rockstars (1-3), G6 (0-3), and Hi-5 (0-3).



COP Blue Tee tournament starts tomorrow



All is set for the 2011 COP Blue Tee Tournament that will be played this

weekend at Coral Ocean Point. The two-day tournament, which will also serve as a fundraiser for the CNMI Team that will compete in the 2011 Pacific Games in New Caledonia this September, will tee off at 12pm.

Check-in time is 11am.

The first day of the tournament will implement a double-peoria format with the Top 5 finishers winning prizes. The champion will pocket \$400, \$300 to second, and \$100 to third. The Top 3 finishers will also get gift certificates, while the fourth and fifth placers will receive kind prizes.

After the first round, only players with the Top 12 best

gross scores in Day 1 will march into the second round, which will be played on the blue tee. Female qualifier will play on the white tee.

Winners of the fundraiser will then be determined by combining the gross scores in the first and second round. The top finisher will win \$300, runner-up will receive \$200, and the third finisher will get \$100.

Entrance fee for the fund-

raiser is only \$85. There will be closest to the pin contest on holes No. 3, 7, 12, and 14. Cash prizes will be awarded on Nos. 3, 14, and 12, while a special prize is at stake on hole No. 7.

For more information about the fundraiser, contact Jeff Taylor at 483-2513, Tony Sature at 483-8833, Adam Hardwicke at 287-2326, and Jess Wabol at 288-1129. *(Roselyn B. Monroyo)*

EAGLES

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quarter uprising with the Eagles slasher and the quarter-back scoring six points apiece.

With Hong and Salas controlling the tempo of the match for GCA, the Eagles stretched their lead to 19, 49-30, by the end of the third canto. At the start of the payoff period,

MBA had a quick 4-0 scoring to slice the lead to 15, 34-49. However, that was the closest that the Stormz could get, as the Eagles answered with a 12-3 spurt to seal the deal.

Salas paced GCA with 16 points, while Hong chipped in 15. Dae Min Jeon had nine markers, making a triple in the fourth quarter to ignite the Eagles' run. Sid Quan led MBA's losing cause with his game-high

21 points.

Rematch in girls finals

Meanwhile, the girls finals will also be a rematch between the SIS Lady Geckos and the MCS Lady Knights, who won over MBA and GCA in their respective semis tiffs.

The Lady Geckos topped the Lady Knights, 48-32, in last season's finals, and will be aiming for a title defense

today. The girls title game will start at 3:30pm, also at the TSL Sports Complex.

GCA 65 – A. Salas 16, Hong 15, Jeon 9, J. Salas 8, Chargualaf 5, Kim 4, Jones 3, De leon 2, Libut 2, Borja 1, Lee 1.

MBA 51 – Quan 21, Samson 11, Coelho 6, K. Park 5, Poon 4, Lee 4, Eo 1.

Scoring by quarters: 16-11, 31-22, 49-30, 65-51.

Red Sox pitcher Craig Aguon struck out the side in the bottom frame.

Then the Red Sox's Sagun cracked another two-RBI triple in the top half of the third, but was caught greedy in the base path; Twins stranded two runners in the bottom frame.

After a leadoff single to start the fourth, the Red Sox's Jadrien Camacho blasted a two-run homer, while Aguon followed with a double and scored off an error.

The first two Twins batters reached in the bottom frame, but Aguon punched out his next three men.

The Twins only managed three base runners the whole game. Aguon gave up just two hits, both to Twins' Rokie Tenorio, along with three walks and nine strikeouts in four innings.

and two other runs.

Gorillaz improved to 4-6, while Braddahs dropped to 1-10.

Last Monday, Island Apparel-Xclusive (5-6) edged Red Eye (4-10), 10-9, and G-Ballers (7-5) routed Salty's (7-6), 23-13, in men's play. Enamo Meta (7-3), for its part, downed T&C Clan (1-8), 12-1, in the women's division.

Chamolinian softball action resumes on Capital Hill at 6:30pm tonight when third-ranked Man Amigos (7-2) take on fourth seed V-Power (7-3), followed at 7:30pm with a women's pairing featuring Check It Out (2-7) and NMC Proas (4-4). The night then concludes with an 8:30pm men's matchup between second-ranked Phat Boyz (8-1) and Laolao Bay (2-9).

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After a quiet third, Comets' Vincent Taman drove in Erik Cruz in the fourth and his teammates kept a keen eye at the plate for two more runs in the fifth off sketchy pitching that made it 7-2 with an inning to go.

Jets escaped the top half with ducks on the pond and then mounted a six-run comeback in their final stand.

They loaded the bases off two hits and a walk, and runs came home off a RBI walk, a wild pitch, and an error that cleared the bases. Next up were a Nakamura double and an RBI single by Ben Maratita.

Jets' Nakamura batted 3-for-4 with an RBI and a run, while Comets' Babauta swung 2-for-3

with two RBIs, a run, a base on balls, and a stolen base.

Enforcers 10, Strikers 7

The Enforcers and Strikers were also tied at two apiece after the opening frame as the latter's Perry Celis and Juden Joyner connected with an RBI fielder's choice and a double in the top half, but threw the ball around in the bottom frame and gave them right back.

The Enforcers then went ahead, 4-2, in the second when Jimboy Laniyo belted an RBI triple and later stole home.

Strikers answered with an RBI double by Joyner and an RBI rip by Dwayne Reyes to start the third, but the Enforcers took a 5-4 lead in the bottom frame off an RBI smash by Cedric Camacho.

Strikers fired back with three

more runs in the fourth off errors and an RBI single by Barry Lizama. However, the Enforcers went up, 10-7, in the bottom frame off a wild pitch, a triple by Joaquin Saralu, a double by Henry Lizama, and a home run by Cedric Camacho.

Both teams came up empty in the final two innings.

Red Sox 10, Twins 0

Red Sox broke the ice with a run off an error in the first inning; Twins went 1-2-3 in the bottom frame.

Jose Tyquiengco led off the second with a triple and Jonathon Sagun stepped in next and busted an inside-the-park home run. Ben Guerrero jacked a triple in the next at bat as he and teammate Jobe Reyes made it home off errors to put the Sox ahead, 5-0.

and a two-RBI double by Shane Mendiola.

Braddahs scored off a single by Nunu Kapileo and a three-run blast by Izeah Falig. Gorillaz's Derek Aughenbaugh, Pat Alepuyo, and Ping Santos each bagged RBIs.

Gorillaz then shot ahead, 14-4, in the second off seven hits, a three-run shot by Aughenbaugh, an error, and a fielder's choice.

Gorillaz added a run in each of the next two innings, but gave up eight runs to Braddahs in the top of the fifth. Kapileo and Austin Iguel both pounded grand slams to pull their team within four, 12-16.

In the end, Gorillaz added three runs in the sixth and held Braddahs to one run in its final stand. Gorillaz's Aughenbaugh batted 3-for-4 with four RBIs

saiair in the bottom frame.

Groupers added three runs to their lead in the fourth off an error, a sacrifice fly by Ton Pangelinan, and a base hit by Sablan.

UR Balls rallied in the fifth and took the lead, 12-11.

Falig airmailed a solo homer in the top half, while Secharmidal answered with a three-run bomb; four more runs came home off six hits and a sacrifice fly by J.P. Lizama.

Groupers were stuffed in their last two chances, while UR Balls added three runs in the bottom of the sixth.

UR Balls now has a 6-5 card, while Groupers absorbed their fifth loss in 12 contests.

Gorillaz 19, Braddahs 13

Gorillaz took a 7-4 lead in the first inning off six hits, an error,

THREE

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UR Balls 15, Calikano-Groupers 11

UR Balls took a 3-1 lead after the first inning as after a solo homerun from Groupers' Ben Falig, Oliver Secharmidal answered with an RBI smash and Joe Lizama had a two-RBI single.

The score shifted to 4-3 in favor of UR Balls after the second frame. Falig busted a two-run shot in the top half, while UR Balls' Patrick George drove in the go-ahead run in the bottom side.

Groupers pulled ahead, 7-5, in the third off an RBI base rip by Joe Sablan and a three-run blast by D.J. Omar. UR Balls scored off a single by Steve Igi-

MP UNITED

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Despite the defeat, Matansa remained in second place in the team standings.

Tan Holdings 2, Shirley's FC 0

In the other boys U15 match, Tan Holdings finally broke into the win column after blanking Shirley's FC, 2-0.

Dan Deric Ibarra and Mark Gerald Mora delivered one goal each for Tan Holdings to improve the team's standings to 1-1-3 for fourth place. Shirley's absorbed its fifth loss in six games and has yet to barge into the win column.

Meanwhile, action in the boys U15 division returns to the Oleai Sports Complex Field tomorrow with Matansa hoping to recover from a loss when it faces Paire at 3pm. In the second match at 4:30pm, MP United will go for win No. 7 when it duels Tan Holdings FC

GIRLS U15 Matansa 2, MP United 0

Over at the Hopwood Junior High School Field, pacesetter Matansa shut out MP United, 2-0.

Matansa now has a 5-1-1 card to keep its distance over the second-running Paire (4-2-1).

Tahlia Hideo scored the twin goals for Matansa, bringing her total so far to a league's best 12.

The loss was second for

MP United, which remained in third place with its one win and four draws.

Paire 2, Tan Holdings 0

Paire also retained the No. 3 spot in the team standings after a similar 2-0 triumph over the winless Tan Holdings.

Mikaela Duenas and Julie Muna had one goal each for Paire to hand Tan Holdings its sixth loss in seven games.

Paire's next game will be against rival Matansa tomorrow at Hopwood at 3pm with the former hoping for a follow-up of their Week 5 victory over the latter. In the second game at 4:30pm, MP United will square off against Tan Holdings

BOYS U18 Paire FC 1, MP United 1 Matansa 1, Independents 1

Back at the CPA pitch, draws were the theme of the competition in the boys U18 division.

In the first game, Paire finished in a deadlock with MP United, 1-1, while Matansa also drew Independents in the second match, 1-1.

Lin Zhi Peng scored for Paire, while Dae Min Jeon also had one goal for MP United. Antonio Bornilla gave Matansa one goal and Sahj Hossain duplicated his feat for IFC's side.

Despite the draw, MP United still leads the division with its 5-2-0 card, followed by Paire (4-2-1), Matansa (2-1-4), and Independents (0-1-6).

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES				
MLB STANDINGS				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	20	14	.588	—
Tampa Bay	21	15	.583	—
Boston	17	20	.459	4 1/2
Toronto	17	20	.459	4 1/2
Baltimore	16	19	.457	4 1/2
Central Division				
Cleveland	23	12	.657	—
Kansas City	19	17	.528	4 1/2
Detroit	20	18	.526	4 1/2
Chicago	15	23	.395	9 1/2
Minnesota	12	23	.343	11
West Division				
Los Angeles	21	17	.553	—
Oakland	19	18	.514	1 1/2
Texas	19	18	.514	1 1/2
Seattle	16	21	.432	4 1/2
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
Philadelphia	24	12	.667	—
Florida	21	15	.583	3
Atlanta	20	18	.526	5
Washington	18	18	.500	6
New York	16	20	.444	8
Central Division				
St. Louis	21	16	.568	—
Cincinnati				
Pittsburgh	18	19	.486	3
Chicago	16	19	.457	4
Milwaukee	16	21	.432	5
Houston	14	23	.378	7
West Division				
Colorado	19	15	.559	—
San Francisco	20	16	.556	—
Los Angeles	18	20	.474	3
Arizona	15	20	.429	4 1/2
San Diego	15	22	.405	5 1/2
Yesterday's Games				
Wednesday's Games				
Detroit 9, Minnesota 7				
Oakland at Texas, ppd., rain				
Kansas City 4, N.Y. Yankees 3, 11 innings				
Baltimore 4, Seattle 2				
Tampa Bay 8, Cleveland 2				
Toronto 9, Boston 3				
Chicago White Sox 6, L.A. Angels 4, 10 innings				
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N.Y. Mets at Colorado, ppd., rain				
L.A. Dodgers 2, Pittsburgh 0				
Philadelphia 5, Florida 3				
Washington 7, Atlanta 3, 11 innings				
Chicago Cubs 11, St. Louis 4				
San Francisco 4, Arizona 3				
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Fisherman catches quarterfinals seat

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Fisherman bagged a quarterfinals berth in the Saipan Marianas Lions

Club-Civic Center Inter-Color Friendship Basketball League after slipping past Max Mahi-Mahi, 66-58, during their playoff game last Sunday at the Civic Center Basketball Court in Susupe.

Fisherman made a second-half push to advance to the next round where it will face the second-seeded C-GOM.

Behind at the break, 30-36, Edsel Delfin put Fisherman back on track in the third period, drilling seven of his 13 points in that canto. He hit back-to-back triples for Fisherman's last two baskets in the third quarter, which ended with Delfin's team on top, 56-48.

Fisherman hung on to the lead in the payoff period, as it held Max Mahi-Mahi to 10 markers in the fourth frame. On offense,



A Fisherman player drives against two Team Pastor defenders during their regular season game in the Lions Club caging at the Civic Center Basketball Court in Susupe. Fisherman advanced to the quarterfinals after beating Max Mahi-Mahi last weekend.

Open Water Flipper tourney set on June 18

The award-winning, azure waters around Managaha Island beckon all swimmers and snorkelers to the 3rd Annual Saipan International Open Water Flipper Tournament on June 18.

One of the premiere snorkeling spots in the Pacific, Managaha is a tiny island in the lagoon of Saipan. Over 60 participants from Japan have already confirmed to make the three-hour flight to Saipan for the annual signature event of the Marianas Visitors Authority.

This unique race allows swimmers to use fins, snorkels, and wet suits or life jackets. There will be several age divisions: 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60-and-up. Those age 18 and under will be entered in the junior division.

Ferries depart promptly at 4:45am the morning of the race, carrying participants, officials, and spectators to Managaha Island.

The race starts at 6:30am, with an island-style breakfast and awards ceremony at 8:30am on the white sand beaches of Managaha.

The event is also sponsored by the Community Sports Center Foundation of Japan.

"We are again very fortunate to have the continued support of the foundation in promoting the Saipan International Open Water Flipper Race in Japan," said MVA Community Projects manager Martin Duenas. "Of course, we were happy to hear their advice after the initial devastation of the Ja-

pan earthquake that there were still interested registrants from Japan. We welcome all local swimmers and snorkelers to join our international competitors in this fun event."

The cost is \$25 for CNMI residents with I.D. The deadline to register with the MVA is June 17 from 4pm to 6pm during the orientation at the American Memorial Park Amphitheater.

Participants must be in good health with snorkeling or diving experience. Mask, snorkel, fins, and wetsuit or life jacket are required.

For more information or to register, contact the MVA at 664-3200/01 or send inquiries to Edward Diaz at ediaz@mymarianas.com or Frank Tudela at ftudela@mymarianas.com. (MVA)



Tatsuya Mochimaru was one of 40 competitors from Japan who traveled to Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands for the 2010 Saipan International Open Water Flipper Tournament at Managaha island.

Mario Barit provided timely baskets for Fisherman, posting six points in the final canto.

Four players finished in double figures for Fisherman with James Wabinga nailing 15 and Barit and Herbert Maranan tallying 14 apiece.

Dioni Isip paced Max Mahi-Mahi with 20 points, while Joel Saplan was the only other player to score in double figures for the eliminated team.

Max Mahi-Mahi got off to a good start, as it had a balance

attack in the opening period for an 18-16 cushion. It kept the driver's seat in the second canto with Isip sizzling for nine points before Fisherman stepped up in the second half to steal the win.

Fisherman will play C-GOM in the quarterfinals this Sunday at 4:30pm. In the first game at 3:15pm, top-ranked Team Morales will take on the winner of GPPC-Pacman playoff tiff. Pacman and GPPC will battle for the last quarterfinals ticket also on Sunday at 8am.

Two other quarterfinal matches will be played this weekend with Team Joey challenging Team Pastor tomorrow at 3:15pm and Team Olivos meeting Armatech at 4:30pm.

Fisherman 66 – Wabinga 15, Maranan 14, Barit 14, Delfin 13, Saluta 8, Moreno 2.

Max Mahi-Mahi 58 – Isip 20, Saplan 13, Mogar 8, Eslove 7, Jose 4, Olfindo 4.

Scoring by quarters: 16-18, 30-36, 56-48, 66-58.

Typhoons claim Tinian Jr. League title

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The FPA-PBI Typhoons defeated the Lion Kings, 23-3, in five innings in Tinian Little League Baseball's Junior Division championship held last Saturday at the Tinian Baseball Field Complex.

"We are very proud of our boys and the effort they put forth throughout the season. It's been a grinder and on behalf of myself, coach Juanis King Jr.,

assistant coaches Jeffrey Baleto and Jim Howard, we would like to congratulate all the boys and their parents. Our hats go off to the Lions Kings for putting up a good fight," said Typhoons manager Keith Nabors.

TLLBA vice president Edwin Aldan was in attendance to hand out trophies during the awards presentation that followed the championship.

Typhoons' Ignacio Borja won the championship most valuable player award, while teammate Esteven Sablan took home the regular season MVP honors.

The Lion Kings received

the team sportsmanship award along with the runner-up trophy. Borja was also declared 2011 RBI king with a league-leading 12 runners batted in. Sablan won the most steals trophy after snatching 15 bases this season.

Typhoons' pitcher Christian Masga struck out 47 batters this season and won the strike-out king honors.

Typhoons' Joseph Sablan, Esteven Sablan, and Marvin Cruz Jr. also swept the batting leader podium with their respective 0.485, 0.447, and 0.406 batting averages in the year.



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The FPA-PBI Typhoons pose for a team photo after winning the Tinian Little League Baseball Association Junior League championship game over the Lion Kings, 23-3, in five innings last Saturday at the Tinian Baseball Field Complex.

Marpac-POKSU tops Crime Stoppers softball

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Marpac-POKSU defeated Bridge Capital, 27-18, to win the 9th Annual Crime Stoppers Softball Tournament last weekend at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

Marpac-POKSU finished the double-elimination tournament undefeated to hoist the coveted Tom & Jerry Trophy along with a \$300 cash prize.

Runner-up Bridge Capital won \$200, while third place finisher DFS took home \$100.

Marpac-POKSU is made up of Jerry Ayuyu, Ned Norita, Bruce Norita, Carl Hocog, Eric Palacios, Ben Jones, Tyrone Omar, JR Suel, B.J. Sablan,

Joey Dela Cruz, Kent Kalen, Lawrence Dikito, Jovie Omar, Popo Tudela, Jerry Guerrero, Roy Celis, and Oliver Sechar-midal with manager Melvin Tenorio and coach Ton Kapileo.

Kent Kalen batted 1-for-2 with a grand slam for five RBIs and two runs in the championship match to win the most valuable player honors.

Teammate Popo Tudela swung 4-for-4 with a double and four runs in the finals to win the female MVP honors. Both winners were awarded IT&E cell phones.

Marpac-POKSU downed Bridge Capital, 22-5, in the semifinals and they had a rematch after Bridge Capital eliminated DFS, 10-6, for the last finals berth.

Notably, Marpac-POKSU's

Ben "Jackson" Jones won the Michael Jackson dance off competition, while Chef Sheldon Fernandez of Docomo won first prize in the barbecue contest ahead of runner-up Team DFS; all winners won a case of Bud Light.

"We want to thank all of the sponsors, teams, organizers, officials and families, especially the mothers, for participating in the tournament," said event coordinator Vinnie Sablan.

Sablan also hinted toward bigger plans for next year's 10th edition.

Other participating teams included IT&E, IP&E-Shell, Docomo Pacific, Pacific Islands Club, Delta Airlines, AON Insurance, Gold's Gym, and Megabyte-IT&E.

Marianas Cable Vision also sponsored the event.



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Eagles vs Knights in varsity finals, again

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Grace Christian Academy and Mt. Carmel School arranged a rematch in the boys varsity finals after winning their separate semis games in the Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association Basketball League yesterday.



The Eagles clawed Marianas Baptist Academy, 65-51, at the TSL Sports Complex, while MCS edged Saipan International School in a close match at the Knights' home court in Chalan Kanoa, 53-51.

Mt. Carmel and GCA will duel for the boys varsity championship today at 4:45pm at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai. The same two teams faced in the finals last season with the Eagles prevailing, 73-69.

The Eagles earned a return trip to the finals and a chance to notch back-to-back titles after pulling away from the MBA Stormz in the third quarter en route to the 14-point victory.

GCA was ahead by only nine at halftime, 31-22, when it limited the Stormz to eight points in the third canto, three points in the first five minutes of that period.

On offense, the Eagles exploded for 18 points, the most they scored in a quarter. Moon Bin Hong and Angelo Salas joined forces in GCA's third-

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Grace Christian Academy's Moon Bin Hong is sandwiched by two Marianas Baptist Academy defenders during the fourth quarter of their semis caging in the COPSSA caging yesterday at the TSL Sports Complex.

MP United extends streak to six

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MP United Football Club reasserted its mastery over Matansa Football Club with a convincing 4-0 victory in their boys U15 game in the 2011 NMIFA Youth Spring League last Saturday at the CPA Field.

What was anticipated as a close match between the Top 2 teams in the five-squad field turned out to be a one-sided affair, as Matansa failed to neutralize MP United forward

Jehn Joyner. Joyner had a hat trick, making back-to-back goals in a span of three minutes to lift MP United to a perfect 6-0 record. With his three goals last weekend, Joyner now ties Matansa's Sean Perez for the most goals scored so far in the league with 11.

Dakota Hall scored the other goal for the league-leading team, which is only two games away from sweeping the round-robin regular season.

Matansa dropped to a 4-0-2 win-draw-loss card, failing to avenge their 1-3 loss to MP United in the first round.

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MP United's Jehn Joyner, right, is greeted by teammate Jake Lee near centerfield after the former scored his second goal against Matansa during their U15 game in the NMIFA youth league at the CPA Field last Saturday.

Top 3 teams still alive in Major League

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The three frontrunners in the Major Division of the Saipan Little League survived the first round of the playoffs.

No. 3 seed JPO-Enforcers fended off IP&E-Strikers, 10-7, yesterday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Pangelinan Ballfield, while the second place Bank of Saipan-Red Sox routed the Marianas Health Services-As Matuis Twins, 10-0, last Tuesday.

Top ranked Juan S. Tenorio-Santiago Jets, meanwhile, sweated out a last-inning, 8-7 rally over the Rep. Joseph DLGuerrero-Tan Siu Lin-Rep. Mike P. Tenorio Dandan Comets Monday.



Juan S. Tenorio-Santiago Jets' Frankie Nakamura, pictured in this file photo, batted 3-for-4 with an RBI and a run in last Monday's SLL Majors division playoff against the Rep. Joseph DLGuerrero-Tan Siu Lin-Rep. Mike P. Tenorio Dandan Comets at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Pangelinan Ballfield.

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The Jets will face the Red Sox at Tan Ge field at 9am in this Saturday's semifinal, followed by the Enforcers against the winner of last night's playoff match between the Natibu Tanapag Falcons and YCO Rays.

The Major League season concludes at noon on Sunday with the championship match preceded by the 9m consolation game.

Jets 8, Comets 7

Both teams were tied at 2-all after the first inning as Comets' Ethan Babauta hammered a two-RBI double in the top half, while Jets scored off a triple by Nathan Camacho and a base rip by Frankie Nakamura.

The Comets then went ahead, 4-2, in the second off a two-RBI double by Austin Indalecio.

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Three win against bottom-feeders

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Berdax, UR Balls, and Gorillaz pounced on teams at the bottom of the team standings as the Chamolinian Softball Association's 2nd Annual Budweiser Slow Pitch Softball League continued Wednesday night at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

Berdax 17, Familia 12

Familia struck first with two runs off an error and an RBI single by Jess Guerrero, but Berdax's Frank Robert hammered a two-run homer followed by a solo shot by Shine Tenorio as Berdax led Familia, 3-2, after the opening frame.

The count swung to 7-6 in favor of Berdax in the second frame. Familia notched four runs off singles by Jon Sonoda and John Guerrero, an error, and

a sacrifice fly by Kolin Reyes in the top half.

Berdax, however, countered with runs off a two-RBI single by Dung Tenorio and an error and a base rip by Vaughn Hofschneider.

The game was then knotted at 8-all after the third inning.

Familia's Nizer Masayos belted a two-RBI hit in the top half, but got a run back in the bottom off a sacrifice fly by Bill Camacho.

Berdax's Chad Atalig nailed a solo shot to get the lead back in the fourth, 9-8, and his team added four more in the fifth off a walk, a hit, an error, and a two-run homer by Shine Tenorio.

Both teams managed four runs in the sixth frame, but Familia was stuffed 1-2-3 in its final stand.

It was the sixth win in 12 tries for Berdax, while the loss was the ninth in 12 outings for Familia.

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